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TO THE HIGHAND Mighty Prince HENRY, eldeſt ſon to the Kings moſt excellent Maieſty: Prince of great Britaine, and Ireland: Duke of Cornewall &c. And Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter.

OVT of the deare and dutious affection, which both by the

Lawes of God, iuſtice of nature, and vnreproueable rule of rightfull obedience, I owe vnto your moſt Royall Father, my dread Soueraigne; and next vnto your Princely ſelfe: I offer to your gratious acceptance this poore and homely preſent, more rich in ſubſtance, then in outward appearance, and yet far more highly dignified, if it be but deigned your royall fauour. I haue beene ſo bold (by aduice of good iudgment, and in regard of ſome ſmall merit which theſe Praiers and Meditations are thought

to

to carie) to entitle them, *The Princes praiers.* Not presuming to square you a method for meditating, or imagining them any way worthy your vse, but one-lie, as another small Treatise of like nature, which hath long time beene extant vnder the name of *The Kings Psalmes*, and *The Queenes Praiers*, haue had happy passage in the world and (no doubt) done much good : Euen so, your Princely name, but gracing these religious exercises, and they bearing your countenance to future continuance, more

profit may ariſe (by them) then can be raſhly promiſed, and renowne your vertues beſide, to endleſſe remembrance.

I muſt confeſſe (and am the more ſorry for it) that the Booke comes not in ſuch ſeemely manner, as I could haue wiſhed, or as befitted ſo Princely a Patrons view, both in regard of mine owne ſlender ability, to performe matter of ſuch moment, with anſwerable ſtile and phraſe: as alſo the Printers too many imperfections, which although they haue vnwillingly (I dare ſay) eſcaped,

caped, yet might haue been far better reſpected. But if your Grace ſhall pleaſe to bury both our defects, in the truely royall affability of your princly mind, and in place of all wants, to let good will ſupply the roome; I haue what I deſire, and which I will endeauour alſo hereafter much better to deſeruc. Remaining now and euer in hearty praier for your health and happineſſe: That no foule heart or hand at any time come neere you; no annoiance diſturbe you, or euill thought offend you: but

the hand of heauen for euer to blesse you, and this Land of great BRITAINE long to enioy you.

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THE. PRINCES PRAYERS.

Our LORDS prayer, with a *briefe Paraphraſe thereon.*

OVr Father which art in Heauen: that is to ſay, gracious God and almighty Father, thou art euery where with vs, albeit thy Maieſty doth moſt principally declare it ſelfe to be in heauen. Thou hãſt created, nouriſhed, maintained and defended vs.

Thou hast commanded vs to pray and beg of thee, and hast likewise most beningly promised vs assistance, succour and deliuerance in all our necessities.

Hallowed be thy name.

As much to say, as, do thou cause, that thy blessed name & thy self may be rightly known euen according as thou hast manifested the same in thy holy word. That thou maist also be esteemed, valued & honored according as thou oughtest to be, both in our words & works as also in our holy and Christian conuersation.

Thy kingdome come.

Herein wee say, grant Lord vnto vs: that thy sacred word may bee in perfect efficacie among vs: so that wee may receiu-

ceiue it, cleaue fast vnto it, and encrease daily in ỹ knowledg of those things which therein are reuealed vnto vs. Grant likewise, that others (yet wandring) may agrée and ioyne themselues thereto, and that it may haue a powerfull passage through the world: ye a in such sort, that al may be reduced to the kingdom of thy grace, to be truly partakers of their redemption and saluation.

Thy will bee done in earth as it is in Heauen. That is to say: Let thy will only be done and not the will of the Deuill, or of thy other enemies, that craft themselues against thy word, to hinder or oppresse ỹ power thereof. Be thou the meanes, that wée may dayly imploy our selues, to do what

thou wouldest haue vs to do: according as the Angels, and other celestiall creatures do euermore readily addict themselues thereto. And that (by patience) we may either suppresse, surpasse, or ouercome whatsoeuer wee are to suffer vnder the same.

Giue vs this day our daily bread: Wherein we desire that it would please thee (as thou doest for the soule) so likewise to prouide for the body, al such thinges as are necessarily belonging thereto. As, in giuing vs nourishment, cloathing, peace, direction, good fame, wholsome seasons, & all other gratious blessings, for maintenance of this life.

Forgiue vs our trespasses, as we forgiue them that trespasse

passe against vs: Hereby wee intreat thee, ỳ thou wilt take no note of those faults, errors or trãsgressions, which euery instant is to bee found in vs: but rather to take pitty & compassiõ vpon vs, and to giue vs (by thy grace) remission of our sinnes, promised and assured vnto vs in thy holy Gospell. Assist vs also (O Lord) that (after thine example) euery one of vs may willingly, and from ỳ bottome of our hearts pardon all such as haue offended against vs.

Lead vs not into temptation

Hereby wee vnderstand ỳ during this life, we are ordinarily to be assailed by our owne flesh and many other wicked sinfull desires, whereunto wee are by nature inclined. Wee are like-

wise oftentimes solicited to such offences, both by euill company, and lewd examples for the world takes delight to heat our bloud, stirring vs with impatience, and prouoking vs to bad actions. The Deuil (as a busie intermedler) casts his impoysoned arrows amongst vs, & by them hee wounds vs very often. He labours to get faith, hope, and charity from vs, and to throw vs headlong into incredulity, desperation, blasphemie, denying of God & such like detestable iniquities: wherfore (deare Father) most humbly wee beseech thee, that thou wilt neuer suffer vs to fal by any of these tẽptations.

But deliuer vs from euill.

As much as to say, as, do thou Lord aid and assist vs, for no way

way elſe can wee eſcape all thoſe euill inconueniences, whereinto our aduerſaries labour to deiect vs.

For thine is the kingdome the power and the glory, for euer & euer: Amen. Hereby (Lord) we truely know, that all power is only thine, therfore thou haſt both power and will to helpe vs: For thine authority is ouer all thinges. Thou art mercifull, and haſt promiſed to heare vs. We do then aſſure our ſelues, & neuer will doubt of it, but thou wilt graunt vs any thing, which thou doſt know (much better then we, to be needfull for vs.

A Prayer at entrance into Church.

ALmighty God and heauenly Father, trusting in ỹ multitude of thy mercies, dutifully do I enter into this thy house, & (in thy feare) do I prostrat my self in ỹ pallace of thy holines. Oh thou ỹ art eternal, conduct me in thy righteousnes: prepare thy way and make it perfect before me: lead me in the path of thy holy ordinances: for thou art my God, & the Lord of my saluation. I loue thy house & gladly desire to bee in the assembly of thy Saints, such as confesse & sing thy prayses. Oh Lord God of hosts, how amiable are thy tabernacles & dwellings: My soule is earnestly conetousto be but in the Porch of any one of them.

Come

Come then, let vs al together worship and fal downe before the Lord that hath made vs. For he is our God, & wee are his people, yea the sheep of his pasture. Exalt the name of the Eternall, our God, and let vs prostrate our selues before his foot-stoole, for he is holy: O my God, in the assembly of thy Saints, here doe I present my petitions vnto thee, in the time of thy good pleasure, heare me: according to thine owne great goodnesse, and the fidelity I doe constantly repose in thy succour. So be it.

For Assistance of the blessed Spirit of Grace, to make our prayers effectuall.

ETernall and most mercifull God, in regard we neither know, or can comprehend

what we ought to demand, or how we shold direct our prayers vnto thée, because thou art alwaies ready to giue vs much more then wee vnderstand how either to deserue or desire: Wée humbly beseech thée, that (according to thine owne promises) it wold please thée to ouerspread vs (at this instant) with thy good spirit of grace and prayer, to the end, that, with vnspeakeable sighs and groanes, it may make intercession to thée for vs: and so enable vs, that in true zeale, both with our harts & mouths wée may call vpon thée, offering thée the sacrifice of praise and prayer, which is most pleasing & acceptable vnto thée Lord, open thou our lips, and then our mouths shall sound

ſound forth thy prayſe. Awake our dull ſoules, that we may not preſume to approach nære thæ, with vaine lippe labour, or idle honor of ỹ mouth our harts being to far off from thæ. But giue vs the grace, that we may call vpon thæ as true worſhippeers doe in ſpirit and truth, vſing all the parts of our affection, vnderſtanding and thoughts, without any appetite to hypocriſie or vaine glory. Let our deſires be ſuch, as are conformable to thy heauenly will, the illuſtration of thy glory, and for the ſaluation of our owne ſoules. Grant alſo (gwd Father) that our faith in prayinʒ may bee firme, not any way wauering or doubtful, but that wæ ſhall effectually obtaine from thy bounty

bounty, whatsoeuer (in duty) we can desire of thee. Let not vs (Lord) prescribe thee any times, or meanes for attention to vs: but at all seasons and in all occasions, in firme hope, patience, and humility of heart, wee may submit our selues to thy good pleasure, which euermore best becommeth true Christians.

Giue vs grace, that in presenting our supplicatiõs to thee wee neither build nor put any confidence in our own righteousnesse: but in the boundlesse compassions and the name of thy beloued son Iesus Christ, through whom we haue boldnesse to present our selues before thy throne and in the confidence of Children, dare call thee our Father. So confirme

vs,

vs, deare Father, that our vnworthines, nor any other sinfull considerations, whatsoeuer, be any hinderance or impediment to our prayers.

Assist vs O most louing god in such sort, that we in all places, lifting vp vnpolluted hãds to thee, without dread or distrust, (insisting vpon prayers, supplications and thanksgiuing for al men) may (according to thy promises) receiue from thy benignity, all good gifts whatsoeuer, both spirituall and corporall. So be it.

A prayer for the morning. Sunday

EVerliuing Lord god, heauenly Father, thy great and almighty name be euermore blessed, thy goodnes and

and mercy endlessely praysed, thy wisedome and truth eternally honored. For thou (with thy hand) hast couered vs this perillous night past, suffering vs to rest and sleepe safely vnder the shadow of thy wings. Thou hast fatherly preserued vs from all the snares of the wicked enemy: wherfore we laud thy name, for the goodnes and maruailes which thou workest for ẏ children of men.

Wee will prayse thee in the congregation, and thy worthines shall bee euermore in our mouthes. Our soules shall blesse thee (O Lord) and all that is within vs shal celebrat thy name: neuer forgetting or being vnmindful of the good which thou hast done daylie for vs. Let then this sacrifice

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of prayse and thanksgiuing, deliuered from our mouthes, and which wee present vnto thee this morning in true simplicity of our hearts, be gratious & acceptable in thy sight.

Wee cry vnto thee with all our might, that thou wouldest likewise this day defend vs from all dangers both of our bodies and soules. Giue charge to thy holy Angels that they may keepe vs in all our waies. Couer vs with thy buckler of sauing health, and guide vs in the pathes of thy commandements, that wee may be vnreproueable in thy seruice according to thy will, and walke as becommeth the children of light.

Keepe far off from vs spirituall deceiuings, and all the scandals

scandals of ỹ worlde, strengthning vs in such sort, as they may get no victory ouer vs, to make vs wilfully sin against thee, or vrge thy displeasure by our iniquities. Direct vs by thy holy spirit, to the end that we may neuer vndertake, do, thinke, or speak any thing, but what may be pleasing to thee, and answerable to the glory of thy great Maiesty.

Behold (O our LORD God) here do we commit and offer our selues vnto thy will our soules, our bodies, with al their power and faculties inward or outward: Let vs bee to thee (deare father) liuing holy and pleasing sacrifices, rendring vnto thee such seruice as is reasonable & acceptable in thy sight. Suffer vs (O Lord)

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to be thine own inheritance, & so gouerne our hearts, soules, & spirits, that (aboue all things) we may onely know thee.

Now earely in the morning listen to our cries, from the break of day haue we waited and attended on thee. We will celebrate thy prayses euery morning, & neuer cease vntill the euening, giue vs grace (O thou that art eternall) to perform this duty daily. So be it.

Thanksgiuing for our Creation.

Omnipotent God & heauenly father, y wast not created nor born but hadst thy being from all eternity, euen before there was any beginning at al: we adore, laud, & glorifie thee, rendring thee thanks from the bottome of our

our harts, for al thy great blessings and benefits. More especially, in that (by thy diuine word and power) thou hast made the heauens, the earth, the Sun, the Mone & al creatures whatsoeuer hath life or beeing, maintayning or ordering them by thy great wisdome, wee giue thee harty thankes also (eternall Father) because by thy goodnesse and mercy, thou hast ordered and diuided the earth, with all creacures breathing theron, making them serue for the vse of man,

But yet more principally we praise thee our Creator & Lord God, that wee being thy creatures, thou hast endued vs w reason, & hast formed vs after thine owne Image & fashion,

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giuing vs bodies & soules and all ỹ members beséeming the body, beside vnderstanding, iudgment, & al ỹ senses which hitherto thou hast & dost most gratiously mayntayne in vs. Thy goodnes is very admirable, & great on our behalfe: for when we were inclosed within our mothers wombs, euen ther thou didst preserue & nourish vs. When it pleaseth thée to fetch vs thence, in grace thou lookedst on vs, & hast not made vs blind, deafe, dumbe, impotent, or imperfect. In thy mére mercy, thou wouldest not suffer vs to be brutt beasts destitute & depriued of reason. But what is hee that can declare the maruelous works of the Almighty, or sufficiently extoll his gratious goodnesse? who

who shall recite his worthy praises? There is no one that can recount his wonderfull blessings.

Now, albeit wee our selues are poore & wretched sinners, & cannot so sufficiently praise thée, as either we ought to do, or as thou worthily deseruest: yet will wee not bée silent, or hold our peace, but perpetually applaud thy holy name, & (to our vttermost) expresse thy great mercies. Wee will proclaime thy Iustice, louing kindnesse, & limitles compassion, so long as wee shall liue & neuer will we forget thy many blessings bestowed on vs, while any iot of breath remaineth within vs. Our mouths shall recount daily, thy gratious deliuerances, albeit wee

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are not able to number them or name thē: And these tongs which thou hast created in vs, shalbe imploied to publish cōtinually thy great glory, saying, wee will giue thankes to our Lord god in his holy place wee will praise him in his outstreched power, wee will laud his name in his wonderfull workes, and (according to the height of his Maiesty,) let all things that doe breath, praise the Lord. So be it.

A Prayer for the remission of our sinnes.

MOst mercifull god and louing Father, our sins are grieuous, our iniquities are multiplied, groaning very powerfull, and our transgressions are not to bee numbred.

numbred. For from our youth al our thoughts & cogitations haue bèen inclined to euill, and who is he (Lord) ỳ can count how oftentimes he hath offended? We know our owne iniquities, and our sins are euermore before vs. Chiefly against thée haue we transgressed, and done that which hath bèene displeasing in thy sight: that thou mightest be knowne for iust when thou speakest, & found cleare when thou iudgest or giuest correction. But we beseech thée (O our Lord God) for thy great mercies sake, that thou wilt not enter into iudgement with vs thy poore seruants, for (before thée) no man liuing can bée found righteous. If thou that art eternal, haue an eye to our mis-

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dæds, who is able to endure it? And if thou contend wō wretched man, of a thousand articles who can answere for one? For the very iustest of all our actiōs whatsoeuer, in thy sight are like to foule sullied cloath. Take pitty therfore vpon vs, according to thy owne benignity, & in the multitude of thy mercies wipe out our iniquities. O Lord heale our fainting soules, dying: because we haue so grieuously sinned against thee. Be mindful deare father of those kindnesses & compassions, which thou wert wont to shew of old. Neuer call to remembrance the errors of our youth, nor any transgressions passed since, but remēber vs in ỹ middest of thy louing kindnes in thy gratious goodnes, be mind-

mindfull of vs. Cal back thine anger, & shew not thy displeased countenance against vs: remembring alwaies, that we are but fleshy, and as a wind which passeth away without any returning.

Oh good God, we frely confesse that our woorks or merits cannot cleere vs of our sins, or any way deserue the very least of thy graces. But onely the death & passiō of Jesus Christ that immaculate Lambe, is ỹ sole satisfaction for our iniquities, & the bloud of him which was shed for the remission of our sins, is the true washing and purifying of our soules. Wherefore, being thus fully setled in assurance and confidence, wee humbly beseech thee (in grace) to forgiue the transgressions

gressions of thy people: couer our sins, and impute not our iniquities vnto vs.

In like manner, heauenly father discharge vs of our secret sins: that our soules sitting yet desolate, & our bones which are as brokē with feare, may yet reioyce & be throughly comforted. For grace and pardon proceedeth from thée, louing kindnes and redemption is in aboundāce with thée. Eternall God heare the cry of our supplications, and despise not the groanings of our grieued hearts for the loue of Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

For the prosperous estate of Gods Church.

FAther of al mercy, that assemblest & maintainest here vpon earth, a sanctified congregatiõ or Church, by thy holy word and blessed spirit: we pray vnto thee for thy poore & little flocke, which (by thy grace) hath receiued, embraced, honoured & aduanced thy word. And that it wold please thee daily to continue it firme & constant vnto thee, with pure, sound & wholsome doctrine, as also the true vsage of thy sacraments, euen against the gates of Hell, the fury and outrages of the Deuill, and the malice or tyranny of this wicked world.

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Preserue thy little Shippe, and all thy faithfull seruantes sayling in the middest of this tempestuous Sea: blesse it as it floats on the raging billowes that it sink not, perish not, nor be ouerwhelmed. Let thy church continue constant and immoueable vpon that foundation wheron she is builded. Oh God of Hostes, returne we beseech thee, looke downe from Heauen, see & visite thy Vine: making dayly those grafts to prosper which thy right hand hath planted, and those to spread fairely, which thou hast elected: that their branches may extend forth both in length and strength.

Engirt it round about with thy shield of defence, and receiue vs a parcell of thy poore

flocke) into thy protection, that none may make spoile of vs, or take vs out of thy hands.

Preserue vs from all them that labour to treade downe thy truth of doctrine, thereby to establish and confirme their own abhominable Idolatries. The light of thy diuine word, whereby at this instant our steps are so brightly directed: O bee thou our soule and safe defence, that it may neuer bee suppressed or distinguished. Thy arme being so strong and powerfull, extend it forth so far in thy Churches behalfe, that in the middest of so many troubles and temptations, which it suffers heere beneath and amongst vs: yet thine owne chosen may euer know thee

thée, and religiously serue thée, to the honor, worship and glory of thy holy name. Lord deale not with vs according to our sins deseruing, for thou hast oftentimes heretofore pardoned the iniquities of thy people: thou hast withdrawne thy great conceiued displeasure, and moderately abated thy iust anger.

Oh God, in whom alone consisteth the saluation of vs all, appease thy fury, and come and comfort vs. Defend thy poore Christian flocke, whose dependance is only vpon thée, and who hath no other support or protection but thée. We beseech thée then (O euerlasting father) that for the sake of thy dearely beloued Sonne Iesus Christ, it may please

thée to lend attention to our prayers, and not to bee silent when we complain vnto thée, that thy blessed name may neuer be blamed, or the wicked say: Where is now their God? So be it.

For the Ministers of Gods word.

ALmighty GOD, who by thy best beloued Son Iesus Christ, hast commanded vs to pray vnto thée, that thou wouldest send workmen into thy Haruest, & also hast most beningly promised to heare vs: we beseech thée for thy deare Sons sake, that it would please thée to bestow vpon thy church a bountifull number of faithfull Ministers

nisters and Preachers of thy word, make them wise & skilfull in the sacred Scriptures, endue them with thy sanctifying spirit: enrich them with true vnderstanding of thy word, to the end, that they may expound the Scriptures without corruption, instructing vs in the true way to eternal life, and admonishing vs how to beware of false religion, & traditions of men, with all other venemous poysons of the soule, that we may continue safely in the soundnesse of true doctrine and faith.

For otherwise how shold we beleeue, what we neuer heard before? & how shold we heare, but by thy Preachers? and how shold they preach, except they bee sent? Ordaine then

(deare Father) such Bishops in thy Church, as may bee taught of the good Doctors and Preachers of sound doctrine, faithfull pastors, who being instructed effectually by thy blessed spirit, may maintayne thy Church which thy sonne hath dearely bought with his most pretious bloud. Let them publish & proclaime thy truth with effectuall fructifying, for the glory of thy holy name, and aduancement of thy Gospell, which is thy faithfull and most worthy word.

Let them giue assurance and consolation to distressed consciences against all the temptations of Sathan, and this wicked world. Make them (O God) powerful in exhorting

ting by ſound doctrine, and vanquiſhing the gain-ſayers, to ſtop the mouthes of thy aduerſary, and vtterly to ruinate, and ouercome the kingdome of the deuill. Let them likewiſe giue good example to the Church, by their honeſt conuerſation: that all ſcandal may be auoided, and no perſon may receiue occaſion, to fall off from faith by the bad life or lewd behauiour of any one.

Mercifull God, let vs neuer bee afflicted with famine or ſcarcity of thy word, and ſuffer vs neuer to bee vnprouided of ſincere Preachers. Let not thy truth be taken from vs by our ingratitude, and preſerue vs from falſe teachers, vnfaithfull hirelings, and all ſuch as come of themſelues,

with out thy sending. Heare vs O Heauenly Father, in the name of thy Sonne Iesus Christ. So be it.

For such as are hearers of Gods word.

GReat God, & most louing Father, in mere bounty and charity, hast thou clerely manifested and giuen vnto vs thy diuine word the wholsome doctrine of the gospel: which is the spiritual sustenance of our soules, and a powerfull or heauenly vertue for the saluation of all beleeuers. For thy Son himselfe said: Blessed are they which heare the word of God, and keepe it. Also, If any one keep my word, hee shall neuer see death

death.

Wée pray vnto thée then (O God) for all the hearers of thy holy Gospell. Open both our heartes and eares, that they and wee may with profit, listen vnto thy word: and hauing heedfull regard thereunto, we may diligently apprehend and retaine whatsoeuer is therein required of vs, for the confirmation of our faith and amendment of our sinfull liues.

Make thou thy word to dwell plenteously in vs, with all wisedom, & giue strēgth (by thy blessed spirit) to the preaching of thy Gospell: that we may receiue the doctrine therof, not as meerely frō men, but as being thy sanctified word: and so walke worthily hēraf-

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ter as best becõmeth thy deare children, and maketh most for the glory of thy holy name.

O Lord our God, make the seed of thy saving Doctrine, to take deepe rote in our hearts, and plentifully to bring forth fruit. Chase away and bridle the deuill, that hee steale not this liuing seede out of our hearts: neither suffer vs not to bee as forgetfull hearers thereof, but that we may effectually put thy word to the proofe. Let vs neuer be vnconstant, ware weake, deny or forsake our faith in the times of temptation, aduersity, or persecution: but giue vs thy gratious assistance, that this sanctified seed of thy heauenly word may not bee choakt or smothered vp, by the solici-

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tudes, treasures, or voluptuousnesse of this life.

Preserue vs so (good God) that we may neuer bee found in the company of cõtemners or mockers, who walke securely after their owne concupiscences, and listen vnto thy word with peruerted heartes, stiffenecked vnderstanding, euen for their owne proper ruine and condemnation. Eternall Father, giue vs grace to receiue with ioy, zeale, & good deuotion, all sound doctrines, admonitions or faithfull reprehensions, tending to our liues amendment: laying them vp in a good and honest heart, and bringing forth the fruits thereof in hope and patience.

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in euen vnto the end, that we throwing off all the foyle & superfluity of sinfull wretchednesse, may entertain the sweetnes of thy word, and haue it soundly planted in vs, which onely can saue our Soules in Iesus Christ our Lord.

Against sects and false Doctrine.

MErciful God thou hast carefully admonished vs, to take heede of false Prophets, which come vnto vs in sheepes cloathing, and yet are inwardly rauening wolues. Thou hast likewise told vs, that in the latter daies (wherein we now liue) there shall be troublous times: Sathan transforming himselfe into

into an Angell of light, & false teachers, (workers of deceit, making semblance to bee the Apostles of Christ) shall haue an outward appearance of pietie, and yet deny the mightie power thereof.

Thou didst also foretell vs that there shall be a reuolt and apostasie from pure Doctrine, and that the man of sinne, the son of perdition, namely, Antichrist, shal then be reuealed. Assist vs therfore (O eternall God) that wee embracing the direction of thy truth, may shun and escape al lying Spirits, the efficacy of falshood & foule error, whatsoeuer apparance it shew it selfe vnto vs in. That we neuer turning from true faith, or drawne from that Soule-saime of our saluation,

saluation, may constantly cõtinue in thy word vnto the end, and not suffer our selues to be seduced by any one, either by signes, vertues or lying miracles, or any other traines and deuices alluring to iniquity.

Grant (O Lord and father of lights) that we may neuer be led by euery wind of Doctrine, the subtilties of men, and cunning craft, in false seducing: but round-circle thine elect in this wicked world, that they may neuer be induced to error. Shorten the sinfull daies of these perillous times, and (by the breath of thy mouth) destroy lying Antichrist, the author of deceit and seducing, and make an end of all, by the comming of thy

thy best beloued Sonne.

Defend vs also from those spirits, which raise vp sects and diuisions, those blod thirsting wolues, that make no spare of thy floke, those dispisers of false doctrine, ỹ drawe Disciples after them, who being of a broken and confused sense, do raise vp nothing but scandals and diuisions. Deliuer vs from the darnel, which the enemie sowth, and from all theeues, or murderers of Soules.

Aid vs in such sort, that we listning onely to thy voice, and pursuing the same in heart, with true faith and sincere obedience, thy word may bee our certaine rule, our touchstone to try and approue all doctrines by, that wee auoyding

ding all strangers voices may beare no affection to any other or shake hands with iniquity. Grant vs (deare Father) good courage to the end, and in the end, and when Iesus Christ our Lord shall come at the last day, strengthen vs, and let vs neuer be confounded. So be it.

A prayer for the Euening.

ETernall God and most gratious Father, we lift vp our hands to thee, as an Euening sacrifice, praising, blessing, and yelding thee thanks with our hearts, because thou hast so louingly preserued vs this day, and all the whole time of our liues hitherto, by the Ministrie of thy holy Angels, from all harmes, and an-

annoyances, of bad and wicked ſpirits.

Wee humbly beſeech thee to pardon all our ſinnes, and whatſoeuer wee haue committed againſt thy Diuine will: that thy bleſſed Angels abiding this night and euermore by vs, may pitch their campe about vs, watching for vs and our ſecurity, ſhelding me from the ſnares, Gynnes, and deceits of euill ſpirits, and (wee thy poore creatures) may euer bee defended by thy goodneſſe and mercy.

Preſerue vs by thy power, for in the night ſeaſon will we cal vpon thee with our ſoules, and our ſpirits ſhall wait and watch continually for thee. Conſtantly doe we attend on thy

thy goodnes, and our soules put their trust in thee the liuing god, because thou art our refuge and faithfull Sauiour.

Behold Lord, whether we wake or sleepe, wee are onely thine, whether we liue or die, thou art euermore our God, and hee that hath made vs, therefore we cry vnto thee, desiring that thy grace may neuer bee farre off from vs, but that thy Buckler of defence, may alwaies protect vs: bee gratious vnto vs, that wee may lie downe quietly, sleepe swetly & wake againe healthfully. In the euill times with draw vs into thy secret dwelling, keepe vs securely within thy Pauillion, and lift vs vpon thy Rocke, that wee may not be afraid of any thing.

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And although we walke in the vale and shadow of death, yet will we not feare any mischance: for thou art with vs, thy rod and Shepheards crook doth continually comfort vs. Giue vs grace, that though our bodies (by sleepe) do take their naturall rest, that our soules may euermore watch with thée, retayning thée dayly in our heartes, and neuer parting from thée in our spirits. Deliuer vs from lewde and dishonest dreames, from vnquiet and turbulent slumbers, from vaine cares and cogitations, from dreadfull and displeasing thoughts, and such like offensiue torments. Oh Lord God, into thy holy protection, wee commit both our soules and bodies, our Children,

dren, Brethren, Sisters, & all our kindred, aliance, friends, and acquaintance. Shadow vs all this night with thy benignity, inuyron vs round about with thy grace, and in thy mercy so protect vs, that our soules and bodies may bee safe, and free from al dangers. So be it.

Monday.

A Prayer for the Morning.

MOst louing God & heauenly Father, by thy holy Lawe thou hast appointed to thy people, that euery mor-

morning they should offer sacrifice vnto thée, thanking thée for their safe protection. Now therefore at this instant, we present thée our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiuing, that is to say, the fruit of our lips and our harts together, blessing thy holy name, because (by thy great mercy) thou hast preserued vs this night past from all inconueniences and mischances.

Thou hast kept our soules and bodies, and most Fatherly hast defended them against the wicked spirit our deadly enemy: for if thou hast not bén our sheild and Soule preseruer, infinite mishaps had laid hold vpon vs, and neuer could we haue risen in safetie. By good right therefore ought wée

wee to giue thée thankes, for thy most gratious and louing protection.

Againe do we cry vnto thée deare Father, euen from the bottome of our heartes, and present our prayers and supplications vnto thée this morning, humbly intreating thée, that this day also and euermore hereafter, thou wilt defend vs together with all that are appertayning to vs, from the crafty and subtill policies of Sathan: delivering vs from sinne, shame, and dishonour, and all euils whatsoeuer.

Go thou before vs (by thy grace) this morning, for (without thee) wee are able to doe nothing. Assist vs (O Lord God) that this day wee may happily begin, and Christianly

stianly finish all our actions in thy name for the glory of thy diuine Maiesty, and sauing health of our neighbours.

Safe keepe (we beseech thée) our soules, our spirits, our senses and our thoughts, and so order whatsoeuer we shall doe, or leaue vndone, that the Deuill may haue no power to endanger vs. Deliuer vs frō that euill which offendeth people at midday, & preserue vs from all our enemies visible and inuisible: that neither publiquely or priuately they hurt or indanger vs by their craft, subtilty, coniurations, treacheries, or any other wicked power and mischiefe.

O Lord God, Father and Master of our liues, defend vs also from shameleſſe and im-

modest regards, and destroy in vs all wicked desires, not suffering vs to fall either into gluttony or drunkennesse, theft, or such like sinnes, nor let our heartes bee proud, or vainely puft vp. Assist vs, that wee may plucke out and cast from vs our offensiue eies, & all those members that would scandalize vs: rooting vp all euill and dishonest desires out of our hearts, and banish farre from vs, whatsoeuer is to thee displeasing, or to our selues preiudiciall. And grant vs grace, to doe what thou wouldest haue vs do, and is most behouefull for vs, to the end that we may serue thee in true faith and feare.

Behold (O Lord God) heere we surrender and commit our selues

ſelues this day wholly vnto thée, to order & guide our ſteps by thy will and direction: let vs be to thée an acceptable ſacrifice, and our ſeruice anſwerable in Jeſus Chriſt our onely Sauiour. So be it.

A Thankſgiuing for our Redemption.

LOrd Jeſus chriſt, Son of the euerliuing God, that art the bright ſplendor of thy father, and the true ſtampe of his perſon engrauen in thée. Thou wert neither made nor created, but begotten of him before all worlds: hauing the ſame eſſence and likeneſſe, in maieſty & glory with him. Wée adore, land, praiſe, and honour thée,

yéelding thée moſt humble thankes for all thy bleſſinges, but more eſpecially, becauſe in the fulneſſe of time (according to thine owne good will) in the vnity of thy perſon, thou didſt pleaſe to take humaine nature vpon thée, and wert borne of the euer bleſſed Virgin Mary.

O thou deare Lord, when we were loſt and condemned, euen then didſt thou buy, ſaue and deliuer vs from ſin, death and the power of the Deuill, not by any price of gold or ſiluer, but with thy moſt holy & pretious blood, yea, by thy paſſion & moſt innocent death. All which, thou didſt meerely in charity, fauour and mercy, without any worth or merite at all remaining in vs.

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Oh Lord our God, how great was thy loue vnto mankind, that thou being iuſt, wouldeſt die for the wicked & vniuſt? What charity can be greater, then for a man to lay downe his life for his friendes? But much more didſt thou manifeſt thy moſt perfect and vnſpeakeable loue vnto vs, becauſe thou dyedſt not, when wee were thy friends: but euen then when wee were wretched ſinners and thy mortall enemies.

By thy death didſt thou make reconciliation with thy Father, thou diddeſt appeaſe his iuſt anger, and haſt cancelled the heauy ſcrole written againſt vs. Whatſoeuer cõſiſted in ſeuere ordinances, and made quite againſt vs,

thou didst fasten to thy crosse and there vtterly deface it.

Thou didst dispoyle that principalityes and powers of darknesse, and (as triumphall Trophées thereof) didst bring them forth to apparant sight. By thy glorious resurrection from the dead, thou didst also bring back true righteousnes, innocency, saluation, and eternall life for vs, and for all such as in their hearts do stedfastly beléeue in thée.

Oh most faithfull Sauiour, suffer not thy dolorous passion to bee indignified, or vnworthyly regarded, by most poore and miserable sinners: but assist vs with thy grace, that henceforth wee liue not more to our selues then to thée that didst suffer so sharp death and

and rose againe for vs.

Let vs rise also from our sins, to liue onely in thée and for thée: Let vs liue vnder thée in thy kingdom, and serue thée in eternall righteousnes: for thou art ascended vp into heauen, and sittest at the right hand of thy Father, world without end. Amen.

To obtaine ture faith.

LOrd God most mighty, Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of change at al, from whom also euery good & perfect gift descendeth downe vpon vs: we humbly beséech thée, (considering that faith consisteth not of all thinges) that it wold please thée by thy

blessed spirit to plant and preserue in our heartes, the true knowledge of thy Son Iesus Christ, and so to encrease it day by day, that beeing replenished with the knowledge of thy will, in all wisdome and spirituall vnderstanding, wee may walke worthyly as it becommeth vs, and grow fruitfull in euery good worke, increasing in faith, beeing so strengthened by the same, that it may worke in vs thy glory, in all milde sufferance and patience of spirit.

Giue vs grace answerable to the richnesse of thy goodnes that wee may bee powerfully fortified in the inward man, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith. In regard also (O good God) that no man

man knoweth the ſon but by thée, and no one can know thée (deare Father) but by the Sonne, and ſuch vnto whom thou doeſt reueale him: wee humbly intreat thée, that thou wilt draw vs to him, that ther by he may conduct vs to thée: ſo to obtaine the knowledge of ſaluation, which (in him) is the full remiſſion of all our ſinnes.

Strengthen in our faith whatſoeuer is infirme: though it be much leſſe then a graine of muſtard ſeed, make thou it ſo to encreaſe, that thereby we may bee rooted and builded in thée, there to remaine ſafe without any ſhaking.

O Lord our God, who haſt kindled in vs the ſparkes of faith, and there haſt begun ſo

gratious a good worke, we cry vnto thee, that it would please thee to perfect and supply the same vnto the end, that wee waxing more and more enriched in all knowledge and experience, and continuing pure without any reproach, may be filled with the fruites of righteousnesse, vntill the day of Christ.

Aduance and maintaine the worke thou hast begun in vs, that our faith may neuer faile in any afflictions or temptations.

But make vs constant in the true Christian confession, thereby to attaine to the proposed end of eternall saluation. Preserue vs (O Lord God) that amidst so many errours, partialities, and heresies,

ſies, as are in the world, our ſoules may neuer be ſeduced.

Kéepe vs from Idolatry, ſuperſtition, all falſe ſeruice, and likewiſe from falling into errour, or doubt of any point or Article of our faith. Grant vs the grace alſo that the ſame may neuer die in vs, without works & vertues: that they being neuer idle, but working and declaring themſelues by charity, wee may finally obtaine the true end of faith: namely, the ſaluation of our ſoulès. So be it.

For the kingdome of God.

MErcifull God, all good and moſt wiſe, who haſt inſtructed and commanded vs before all other things to ſéeke thy kingdome and the righ-

teousnesse therof: wee beseech thee grant vs grace that thy sacred word may bee sincerely preached through the whole world. Also that our naturall reason, may be led as prisoner by obedience to faith: in regard we ought to liue holily as thy children, so that thy kingdome may come, to bee aduanced in and amongst vs, and that many other which as yet likwise doe not beleeue in thy word, may be wonne thereto by our sanctified conuersation.

For we haue been freely deliuered from the power of darknes, and brought to the kingdome of thy beloued son Jesus Christ: in him wee haue redemption by his blod, & free forginenes of al our sins. Assist vs therfore (O good God) that

that we may euermoꝛe abide in thy kingdome by perſeuering conſtãtly in pure & ſound Doctrine, and walking as becommeth the childꝛen of light, in all piety, vertue, and true honeſty.

But becauſe (Oh eternall Father) thy kingdome commeth not with open appearance, neither conſiſteth in exterioꝛ actions oꝛ woꝛdes, but in ſpirit and truth: giue vs grace, that beeing regenerated by thy woꝛd and holy ſpirit, we may be made fellow heires of the kingdome of heauen: And by lifting vp our hearts on high, in ſpirit wee may dwell with thee in Heauen, labouring dayly to apꝛehend that incoꝛruptible inheritãce, which can not be impeach-

peached or impaired. Afterwards bemoaning the multitude of our transgressions, we may thereby become both poor in spirit, and truely humbled to thy will.

Cause vs to hunger and thirst, that is to say, to bee affectuously desirous after righteousnesse, yea, altogether mild, mercifull, pure in hart, and peaceful in conscience: let vs patiently suffer and surmount (for truth and righteousnesse sake) all sorts of persecution, aduersities, iniuries, reproches and wrong accusations: and keepe vs from all scandals whereby thy blessed name may bee slandered or blasphemed, or thy kingdome hindered, wounded or weakned.

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Giue vs grace that our faith may truely witnesse it selfe by our workes of charity to euery one, and that at the last day, we may bee numbred among them to whom those swete & comfortable wordes of thy deare Son, shall be directed: Come you blessed of my Father, receiue (as your inheritance) the kingdome which was prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

For the Magistrate.

ETernall GOD, that hast power & dominiō without end both in Heauen and in Earth, by thy blessed spirit thou hast commaunded vs to make prayers, supplications, and thanksgiuing for

for Kings, and al those whom thou hast advanced and dignified. For it is thou (O God) that hast so ordayned them, and there is no power or authority, but onely by thée: Wherefore according to this thine owne ordinance wee pray vnto thée for the imperiall Maiesty of al Kings, Princes, Lords, & Magistrates, as also for all their Counsellors, and Officers: But more especially for our owne Prince and Magistrate, vnder whose protection thou hast appointed vs to liue. Prosper him in thy feare, with all them of his Counsell, and likewise the Senate of this Honourable Citty, granting vnto them long life, a happy and a religious gouernment, and

kæpe them from all harmes or dangers either of Soule or Body.

Giue them grace, that being illuminated by the light and knowledg of thy diuine word they may bee diligent & faithfull in their charge, propagating & supporting the truth of thy Gospell. Fill them (Oh Father) with thy heauenly counsell, wisedome and vnderstanding, that they may both defend the good, and punish the wicked.

Prouide and maintaine among vs good order & policy, that the peace of our Country may be preserued, right equally destributed to euery one: & wee (abiding in safe protection) all thinges may redound to thy honour and glory, the

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vtility & prosperity of vs that are Subiects, in al ciuill manners, godnesse and honesty, & the aduancement & flourishing estate of the weale publique. So that whatsoeuer wee possesse or enioy, may be in safety and assurance, and we lead a peaceable life in all piety and vertue.

But because the hart of the King, and of all men beside, is in thy hand, to order & dispose them, as best pleaseth thée: we beséech thée (O most good and gratious God) that (in mercy) thou wouldest beningnely alter the hearts of terrible outragious Tyrants, and inhumaine gouernors. So soften & allwage thē, that they may vndertake no vnnecessary wars, whereby the passage of

of thy Gospell may be impeachèd, and peace impayred or destroyed.

Let them neuer torment the poore or miserable, or afflict them by any vniust charges: but giue them consideration, that they themselues haue also a Lord in Heauen, who makes no regard of mens outward apparance: And that they shal one day come to yeeld him an account, of whatsoeuer they haue done hère vpon earth. Assist them O King of Kings, and (in the fauour of thy Son Iesus Christ, who is Iudge both of the dead and liuing) giue them grace, to be mindful of thée in al things. So be it.

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For Subiects.

GOd and most louing Father thou hast appointed to all subiects, that euery one should obey the Magistrate that hath commaund or authority ouer him: considering, they doe it not onely for the preuention of punishments, but also for the képing of a good conscience.

Most heartily wée beséech thée to giue grace to vs and al Subiects, in the true knowledge of this thine owne ordinance, let vs so vnderstand it, that each one of vs (in simplicity of heart) may be obedient to his ordinary Magistrat, in all things that are not contrary to thy word. Let vs

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honour him as being holily appointed and placed by thee. Let vs pray for him, giuing him readily and willingly, whatsoeuer in duty we stand bound to doe.

Eternall God assist vs, that none of vs either misprise our superiours, or speake euill of them in our hearts: for thou hast named them Gods, and placed them thy Lieuetenants to rule & gouerne vnder thee vpon earth. Therfore all such as rebell against them, doe bring a heauy condemnation on themselues, because therin they resist against thy diuine ordinance.

Giue grace likewise vnto all pore Subiects, that they may not be charged with new exactions, or hard seruitudes, neither

neither oppressed, ouer constrained or dispoyled of their pure meanes by any violence extortion or tyranny. But if there be any, that are afflicted by their Gouernors, either with vniust exactions, or ouer strict commaunds: Giue patience (good Father) to those pure Subiects, and let them support that crosse, as a proofe of their faith and obedience to thée.

Heare Lord their cries and prayers, iudge their cause and mercifully loke vpon them, euen as sometimes thou hadst like care of the miserable calamity, and grieuous oppression of the Children of Israel, & deliueredst them (at length) by thine owne strong hand, from the most cruel seruitude

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of hard hearted Pharaoh.

Merciful God, preserue vs from Pagane and vnchristian Magistrats, and suffer vs neuer to be subiect vnto strangers, Infidels or Idolaters: that may be a scandall to thée, to vs, or our posterity, and so procure vs to fall off from thy true religion.

Defend vs also from euery sinful yoake, that wee apply not our members to ỹ seruice of iniquity, or suffer sinne to haue any rule in our mortall bodies, thereby to haue both body and soule ouercharged: But bee thou our fortresse of defence in all our necessities: thorough Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

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Against the enemies of Christian Faith.

LOrd GOD, wherefore are ỳ wicked growne furious without any cause? And why doe the mighty mutinye, consulting together against thee, and thy Sonne Iesus, whom thou hast annoynted? O thou that art eternall, how are our enemies encreased? Many lift vp themselus against thy word, to abase and oppresse it (and in stead thereof) to aduance their owne abhominable and false Doctrine, euen in thy Church.

They inuent crafty deuices, to confound them that confesse thy truth, their thoughts

thoughts are set vpon euil doing, they growe great with this trauel: but do thou disappoint them in their birth-bringing forth, and let them neuer see the end of their wyllish enterprises.

They looke dayly vpon vs as Lyons after their prey, & are desirous to entrappe our soules, they open their throats like a gaping graue, seeking daily to swallow vs vp. But Lord do thou deliuer vs from their intentions: For this peruerse company say in their hearts, that thou hast forgotten vs, & hidest thy countenance from vs, purposing neuer more to looke vpon vs.

Lift vp therfore (Lord) thy powerfull hand, & be not vnmindfull of thy poore people.

Awaken thy selfe, why dost thou sleepe? Come & bee present with vs: Oh delay not so long why sholdst thou turne away thy face, as forgetfull of our miseries & heauy oppressions?

Up Lord vp, helpe and deliuer vs for thy goodnes sake, let not our enemies haue any power to hurt vs, nor the wicked any meane whereby to endanger vs. Defend vs out of strangers hands, whose religion is vaine, and their workes meerly false: For they will not listen to any instruction, whereby to doe good, and they refuse to respect thee, who art Lord ouer al, neither make they any account of ỹ workes of thy hands. Lord God of Hosts, fight against our offenders, grant our Christian magistrats

gistrats victory against the aduersaries of thy name. For conquest commeth from on high, & is not to bee wonne by might or multitude: in regard that thou canst saue & defend with a few, when other repose their trust in many. Breake therefore the arme of the vngodly, ouerthrow their enterprises, that they may execute nothing without confusion.

It is méete & conuenient, that such as hate thée, & hope to exterminate thy heauenly word, should fall backeward in their attempts, and flie as chaffe before the wind, thy holy Angell shall smite them a far off, because they shall not glory against thée saying. This our hand & power hath done Be thou therefore (Oh Lord)

only honored vpon earth, and send vs alwaies succour for thine owne names sake, least it should bee blamed or blasphemed. So be it.

A prayer for the Euening.

ALmighty GOD, the euerliuing father of Iesus Christ, we render thee most harty thankes, because by thy most gracious protection, thou hast preserued vs all this day past, frō any damage, distresse or danger. That fire hath had no power to offend vs, nor ỹ waues of water any strength to swallow vs: Sauage beasts haue not deuoured or torn vs kēnedged weapōs, haue not woūded or smitten vs, our ene

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mies haue not slaine vs, nor wicked people hurt vs. On the way thæues and robbers haue not assaulted vs, neither hath sudden death or any euill prevailed against vs.

In breefe, it is by thy great mercy & goodnes, that we haue escaped al perils of life & body. And therfore (of duty) wee ought to giue thee most humble thanks, for it is thou that hast kept vs in all our waies. In confession of these vnspeakeable graces, wee are bold (deare Lord) to pray vnto thee that it would please thee, to pardon all our iniquityes, whereby in thought, word or deed all this day wee haue sinned against thee. This night likewise & all the time of our liues, defend vs vnder thy

mercifull fauour, with all our childzen, kindzed, friends, and acquaintance: Kéepe them & vs from the deceits & subtilties of Sathan, wherby night and day he labours to entrap vs. Defend vs from the dangerous plague which walketh in darkenes, and pzeserue vs from the enemies snares, that follow swiftly to surpzise our soules.

Bleſſe vs from horrid visions, dzeadfull dzeames and ghastly apparitions, with al other euils of soule oz body: foz thou hast béne our powerfull defender, our onely strength, our shade against heat, our séet-guid from falling, our suppozt & pzotection from all inconueniences. In briefe, the assurance of me and of vs all con-

consists only in thée.

Be thou then (O faithfull God) the watchman ouer vs, circle vs with thy safeguard, that the deuill gaine no means to endamage vs: For wee haue none other but thou that can saue vs.

We lift vp our eyes onely vnto thée for thence commeth our saluation, our helpe consisteth in the Lord of life, who hath made both heauen and earth. And euen as the eyees of seruants, doe waite on the hands of their Maisters, or those of the handmaid, on thē of her Mistresse, euen so (O eternall God) do and shall our eyes attend vpon thée, vntill such time as thou please to take pitty vpon vs.

Come nére vnto vs then

(deare Lord) in thy compassiõ, for we are poore, wretched and miserable: Shew the brightnes of thy louing countenãce vpon vs, & lighten our darknesse, that we sleepe not in death, or any other danger of body or soule. So be it.

Tuesday.

A Prayer for the Morning.

PRaised bee thou (O God) creator of Heauen and earth; blessed bee thou (Eternall Father) that only worketh wonders, for euer bee thy name sanctified & celebra-

celebrated. For thou (in thy wisedome) hast created & distinguished day from night, yea, thou hast ordained, that so much as the earth containeth, no part therof shal faile or perish, because man may safely in the night season receiue his rest, and rise the next day to his labour againe.

O thy omnipotent wisedome, how wonderfull are all thy works: in thy discretion all things are made & the earth is ful of thy rich bounty. We ought therefore to render thee most harty thanks (euen from before the Sun rising) for all thy gratious blessings, and to present our selues before thee, so soone as day-light begins to shew it selfe. In regard wherof, at this instant, wee mag-

nisie thy holy name, because this night thou hast suffered vs to rest and slæpe securely, and hast wakened vs againe with ioy & sound health. Thou hast fatherly defended vs frō the power & malice of the enemie: Now therfore we beseech thée to imbrace & hug our soules within thine owne handes, kæpe our bodies in good health according to thy gratious pleasure, preserue vs from all annoyance and damage, and protect vs as the signet vpon thine owne finger.

O God, since the houre is now come, and time calleth vs to awake out of the slumber of sin & all other iniquities, signifying salnation to be nære vs, the night now past, & cleare day approaching: Assist vs now

now deare Father, that wee may cast aside the workes of darknes, and cloth our selues with the armor of light, walking honestly as fitteth the day time: not in drunkennesse, or surfeting, not in dissolutenes or chãbering, not in dissention & enmity: but as newly renested with faith, and a sanctified conuersation in Iesus Christ our Sauiour.

Lord do thou awake vs euery morning, open our eares, that with a beleeuing hart, we may listen to thy word, an kéepe it in continual memory.

Let them also bee inclined and attentiue, to the cries and complaints of the poore afflicted, and neuer to forsake them in their necessities. Heare likewise (O God) the voice of our sup-

supplications, when wee cry vnto thee in all our anguishes, and misconceit not our sighings, in the extremity of our liues. Let our prayers come before thee earely in the morning, and fill vs with thy graces by the breake of day, so shall wee reioyce in thee all our life time, through thy sonne Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour.

A Thanksgiuing for our sanctification.

O GOD the holy Ghost, which proceedest from the Father and the Sonne, beeing vnited with them in the selfe-same eternitie, power and diuine essence: we praise, adore, laud, glorifie and

and thanke thee from the bottome of our harts, for all thy great blessings. And principally, because thou hast called & conducted vs, (by thy grace) to bee true members of the Christian faith. Thou hast communicated thy selfe vnto our soules in holy Baptism and pursuest still to compleate thine owne good worke in vs: because by the power of our owne proper reason, we could haue no meanes how to beleue in Jesus Christ, or ability else to come vnto him.

We humbly beseech thee, that it may please thee to instruct and guide vs in all truth. Nourish and augment firme faith in vs, and graunt vs the right vnderstanding of thy word: sanctifie vs in calling

ling vpon & beléeuing in thée, granting vs the inward peace of conscience, with a settled consolation, courage and perseuerance.

And because thou art the finger of God, write thou Iesus Christ within our hearts, assuring vs by thine owne testimonie, that thou art our comfort against the feares and infirmities of the flesh. Faithfully defend vs against all accusations of the euill spirit, and confirm vs so against despaire, that (thorough thy gracious promises) we may be fortified in faith, because thou art our onely earnest, for inheriting redemption.

Grant vs also true deuotion and zeale in praying, so that in the full assurance & confidence of

of Children, wee may cry and call to thée, saying: Abba déere Father.

And because at the Baptisme of our Lord Jesus christ in Iordane, thou didst shew thy selfe in ỳ forme of a Doue: grant vs in heart the true simplicity of Doues, without any gall or bitternes, that so receiuing thy holy vnction, the fire of ardent charity may bee kindled in vs, euen as in the likenes of fiery tongues, thou diddest descend vpon thine holy Apostles. Renue vs in the inward man, and make thy word & sacraments of such efficacy in vs, that wee beeing newly regenerate, may bee preserued from all Idolatry, false doctrine, error & heresie.

Clense the impurity of our vn-

vnderstanding, kill & quench in vs all disordinate desires of the flesh, suffer not the affections of sinne to raigne in our bodies: but making thine owne abiding in vs, doe thou beare sway in all our members, & guide vs to thy true eternall inheritance. So be it.

A Prayer for the obtayning of firme hope.

O Lord our God, Creator of heauen and earth, in thee haue we put our trust, let vs neuer be confounded.

Thou hast bene our hope and confidence from our youth, from our mothers womb haue we put our assurance in thee. Fill thou our hearts with ioy and peace in beleeuing, that in the vertue of thy sanctifying spirit

spirit, by patience & consolation in the Scriptures) we may plenteously abounde in hope, and therin be so surely settled, that no despaire shal take hold on vs in miseryes or afflictions, but wee to continue still feruent in spirit, ioyful in hope and patient in al tribulations whatsoeuer.

Let thy word bee our sole guide, to the end we may liue, and neuer see confusion in the least part of our hope. Strengthen vs therin (O Lord) more & more, that continually we may take delight in thy saluation: For thou art gracious to him that dependeth vpon thee, and to the soule that longeth after thee.

It is a most precious thing to be patient, and constantly

confident in the almighties assistance: for hee is neuer vnmindfull of the poore, and the hope of the afflicted shall not be lost for euer.

Our forefathers did put their trust in thée, and were alwais deliuered, when they called vpon thée; their assurance was in thée, and they were not confounded. Therefore shall our hope be also in thée, and come life or death, we will neuer fly from thée. Whatsoeuer is in our hearts, wee will declare vnto thée, for thou art the God of our hope, there is mercy and redemption in abundance with thée.

Thy hand is not yet shortned, but of infinite power in assisting: wherefore it is good to trust in the eternall, and neuer

neuer to put any confidence in men. Mischiefe waytes on them that trust not in God, or doubt of his certainty, and on the wicked, that haue no hope at all.

Wretchednes follows false & faint hearts, for they do not beleeue, and therfore they cannot bee comforted. Misery swallowes vp such as make Shipwracke of patience, for what else in the end shall become of them but death? Cursed is he that trusteth in man, yea, in any other Creature, or any of his owne works: for the hope of the Hypocrite shall perish, his assurance shall bee frustrated, and his confidence quaile like the Spiders web O Lord our God, let it be our resolution; that thou only art merci-

mercifull, and let our harts reioyce in nothing else, but that thou wilt euer gladly help vs.

Confirme this in vs, that wee obtaining the hope proposed for vs, and cleauing therto as the sole Anker-hold of our soules; our assurance may rest in thee, perfectly purified as thou thy selfe art, and finally to receiue in full possession, that which we haue altogether hoped for here. So be it.

To haue true humility.

LMighty God, the proud heart is abhomination to thee, and cannot long escape vnpunished: for pride goeth before perdition, & height of spirit runs before ruine.

O Lord of hosts, thou hast alwaies repressed, and finally confounded the proud & arrogant. Thou dispersest the proud in the thoughts of their owne hearts: but giuest grace to the humble, and liftest vp the lowly out of the dust.

Therefore we beseech thée to giue vs true christian humility, that wée may learne to bee humble, and meeke in heart, after the example of our Sauiour Iesus Christ: who being in the forme of GOD, thought it no robbery to be equall with God, and yet notwithstanding, he abased himselfe, and toke vpon him the shape of a seruant.

He was thus deiected to lift vs vp into eternall life, and to leaue vs an example of humiliation

(O God) from all carnal and spirituall pride, let it neuer ouermaister our heartes, or wordes, because it is the beginning of al euill.

Arrogancy neuer did any good, there can nothing but wickednes come thereby, and whose euer is addicted therto, must néeds commit many abhominations. O giue vs grace therefore to haue alwaies in remembrance, that wée are but earth: then why should dust and ashes proudly exalte it selfe? What profit is there in pride, or what auaileth the vanity of riches? they doe all passe away euen as a shadow. Kéepe vs therefore (O our God) from spirituall pride and presumption, which neuer did good to any one, but hath caused

caused many mischiefes one after another.

Let not vs grow arrogant, or be puffed vp by any of thy blessings bestowed vpon vs, to the end we abuse them not, or blame them in others. For wee haue nothing as of our selues, but whatsoeuer wee enioy, it proceedeth from thée. Let no man then grow proud of that which hee hath but receiued. Assist vs therefore deare father, that we may not presume further then wee ought to do, but shewing our selues modest, wee may acknowledge our sins, hauing humble, contrite and lowly hearts, which thou neuer didst or wilt despise.

Preserue vs also from the arrogant, that we may neuer be

be the mockery of vaineglorious men, or our soules sullied with the despisings of the high minded: but being delivered from their oppressions, both we & all other may so humble our selves vnder thy mighty hand, that thou mayest exalte vs when thou thinkest it méetetime. So be it.

For such as are Maried.

ALmighty God, and most mercifull father, thou hast instituted & ordained mariage and takest delight when husband & wife doo loue each other, dwell peaceably together, and (by generation of children) do increase ỹ world, for

forenlargment of thy church, that thy blessed name may be eternally praysed.

Therfore wee beseech thée, in regard that Satan is cõtrary to all thy holy ordinances, opposing himselfe powerfully against that sanctified estate, euer pursuing to ouerthrow it: that it wold please thée to giue grace to al maried Christians, to take knowledge that thou art the author of their condition, and to bee also assured in their consciences, that they liue in a good estate, which is acceptable to thée. Also, that therin they may doe thée good seruice, and bee saued, when they chærfully performe what is required of them, and willingly follow the vocation appoynted to them.

Let them alwaies feare thée and (in concord & kind amity) liue Christianly together, that eating their bread in the sweat of their browes, they may bring vp their Children in all piety, & support (with equall patience) such afflictions, as vsually kéepe company with that estate. Bridle thou (O Lord) the enemy to mariage, that hee endanger not or destroy this thine owne ordinance: by making the maried to hate or contemne their condition: or by catching them in his nets thorough incredulity, or by sowing his séede of dissention & enmity betwéene them, when any vnkindnesse or crosse accidents happen vnthem, moouing them then to commit adulterie, or forsake one

one another. Let him not seduce them, to fall into any deadly sin, disgrace or foule offence, or to line in any dissolute sort, against God & a good conscience, either in quarrels, hatreds or contentions: whereby prayer, & other good exercises of piety may bee impeached, thy Church scandalized, and thy holy spirit displeased.

But mercifull God, let all maried couples, dissenting or disagreeing, bee reconciled in thy name, pardoning one another from the bottome of their hearts, caling to remembrance, the league and promise which they made before thee, when they contracted holy mariage.

Let them live together in loue and true loyalty, having

thy word in due honor, & diligently to line therafter. Let them alwaies hope and trust in thee, whensoeuer they are afflicted, euer honouring and praysing thee by their conuersation & prayers: that (according to thy will) they may alwaies bee found here in thy seruice, and after this transitory lifes conclusion bee accomplished in thy kingdome, with all the faithfull, that liued in mariage. So be it.

For Children and Youth.

MErcifull God and euerliuing Father, thou louest children, & didst command them to be brought into thy presence: because out of the mouthes of babes and suck-

sucklings, thou prepared'st the accompliment of thine owne prayses.

Thou hast also (for the same occasion) commanded, that children should be brought vp in thy feare and knowledge, a matter no way to bee neglected. Wherefore in fauour of thine owne deare Sonne, who (for our good) was borne a young infant, and shed his most pretious blood on the tree of the Crosse, as well for the least as for the greatest: wee beseech thee giue grace to all fathers and mothers of families, Maisters & Mistresses of Schools or otherwise, to bring vp their children, youth, and houshold carefully, in sound doctrine & knowledge of thy will, to teach them good scien-

ces, all vertue and honesty, for the glory of thy diuine Maiesty, & saluation of their soules: so that euen from their infancy they may learne to knowe thée their Creator and Redéemer, to feare thée with al their hearts, to trust in thée, and to liue according to thy holy Commandements. Suffer not youth to bee seduced by false doctrine, or seruice that is contrary to thy will, neither by any vnchristian conuersation: Preserue them from euill companies, drunkennes, slothfulnes & vncleannes, and let them not be scandalized by lewd examples.

Giue grace to all Children and youth, to learne, and be obedient to their Fathers, Mothers, Superiors, & Teachers:

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to receiue instruction from thē in simplicity of hart, that they may grow wise in the feare of God. And because the heart of man is in such sort peruerted by the fall of our first Parents, that the imagination and thoughts of our harts, are vile and wicked, euen from our very youth. May it please thee to plucke vp those sinfull weeds in the hearts of youth, that they giue not the bridle ouer-boldly to originall sinne, and corruption, wherby their wills do ware wandring, giddy, and obstinate.

Oh good God, plant in the hearts of youth, a reuerend feare of thy name, and that the sanctifying spirit (which they receiued in holy Baptisme) may guide and lead them to

all good: And learning thy word, law, and commaundements euen by heart (as it were) like pretious ornaments, they may weare them about their necks, seruing thee in true faith and Christian obedience here beneath, till thou take them vp into all eternity. So beit.

Against the Kingdome of Sathan.

LOrd Iesus Christ God most gratious, in regard that the Diuell is the Prince of this world, hath a mighty armye for defence of his dwelling, and augments or fortifies his kingdome continually by false doctrine, Idolatry, lies and all other kinds of

of contagious sinnes: wée beseech thee therefore déere Father, (because thou art stronger then hée, and hast vanquished that infernall Goliah, taking his weapons from him, bringing alway his spoyles, & vtterly weakning his kingdome of darkenes) that henceforth it would likewise please thée, by thine omnipotent and diuine power, to destroy al the workes of the Deuill, and to kéepe vs from his cruell kingdome, wherin there is nothing but darknesse, incredulity, vices, sins, and all sorts of abhominations.

Lord Iesus Christ, Sonne of GOD, that art our true Sampson, our puyssant and victorious Prince, by thy death thou hast swallowed vp

eternall death in victorie, taken his sting from him, destroyed Hell, deliuered them that were bound in the chains of darkenes, and hath gotten from the enemy all power and authority. Giue vs grace we beseech thee, that we may by true faith cõtinue in thy kingdome, and euen as when we receiued holy Baptisme, we bound our selues by oath and obligation, to thee and thy sacred Gospell, renouncing then and denying the Deuill with all his workes: So strengthen vs to continue still constant in the bond of assurance: for if thou by thy vertue (O God) do support vs, we shall stand vpright, but if thou withdraw thy hand from vs, we fall downe flat.

Thou

Thou therfore, that camest into the world to same thy people from their sins: we call onely vpon thee, for vs and al them, for whom thou hast paied thy most pretious blod: Oh let vs neuer see condemnation. Root vp whatsoeuer sinful nature first planted and hath since perished in vs, and new stocke the ground againe with thy vndecaying graces.

Oh suffer not sin to raigne in our mortall bodies, thereby to obey his couetous desires, or make our members instruments of iniquitye, so to bee sould as vassals and slaues to sinne: But let our hearts bee vtter enemies to all vnrighteousnesse, that flying from it as from hell, wee may offer our selues wholy to thee, O our God

God, and bée altogether dedicated to thy diuine seruice. So be it.

A Prayer for the Euening.

O Lord and most gratious God, holy father, since day began haue we lifted vp our voices vnto thée, calling on thée only when wée are in any distresse. And now at night also wee remember thy fauour and fidelity, whereof wee haue all day tasted very bountifully.

But at this instant (as best becommeth vs,) we magnifie thy most glorious name, because in thy mere gadnesse without any deseruing or merit in vs, thou hast fatherly defended vs this day past, frō an

an infinite number of damages and dangers, whereinto we might haue falne, but onely by thée. For it comes from thine owne most louing kindnes, that Sathan hath not smitten vs with sudden and vnprouided death, that wee haue not béene consumed by tempests, stormes, thunders & lightnings, : that great gusts of whirle windes haue not torne vs, that the subtill enemy hath not deceiued and destroyed vs, by mingling poysons in our meates & drinkes, or by his other infinite treacheries: But that we remain safe in soule and body. For all which great graces, now & at all times else we most humbly thanke thée, & pray thée in the dolorous passion of Iesus Christ

Christ, to pardon vs all the faults which we this day committed against thee and all the whol time of our liues hitherto. Continue the like care ouer vs (good father) this night and euermore, bleſſe vs from our deadly aduerſary the Deuill, from all terrors & dreadful accidents of this night, and let vs not bee troubled with vaine dreames or deluſions. Keepe our perſons, and all appertaining vnto vs, from all miſchances of fier or water, & from all other euils, either of ſoule or body. Suffer vs to ſleepe peaceably, without ſolicitude or vexation: And that euen in the middeſt of the moſt horrid darknes, with the eyes of our ſouls we may diſcerne the bright ſplendor of thy grace cleare-

clearly shinning vpon vs, for thou art the true & very light indeed, clearing all obscurities that can ingirt vs.

Lord God, thou art with vs, thou art our Rocke, our Castle, our Protector and sauiour, of whom alwayes wee remaine assured: yea, thou art our sheild, the horne of our saluation, & our only defence.

Oh euerliuing God, this night wee lift vp our handes vnto thee, hast thee to succour & preserue vs, that our soule sleep not in sin, nor any casualty happen to our bodies.

Wake vs in time conuenient, that (according to thy good pleasure) in safety we may see to morrow morning: For thou art hee that kéepest our life, and fillest vs with euery hap-

happy blessing, thorough Jesus Christ our Lord and sole Redeemer. So be it.

Wednesday.

A Prayer for the Morning.

Omnipotent and most Gratious God, all creatures ought continually to celebrate thy name and the feathered Fowles of the ayre (in their flying vnder heauen) do that way imploy their paines, singing melodiously euery morning (according to their manner and language) the praises of thee their Lord and Creator.

Wee

Wee heartily pray thee by the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, that thou wilt yet further defend vs, with all our children, kindred, and friends, from any disastre or euil whatsoeuer. Replenish also our soules this morning with thy mercy, that wee may passe this day in honest contentation, without contradicting thy commandements, or falling into any deadly sinne.

Shew vs thy gracious countenance, as a faire cloud in the morning, or like a fresh spreading Rose, that throwes his sweet verdure vpon the earth. Spreade thou likewise on vs the sweete semblance of thy goodnes, refreshing & cheering our soules when they sit fainting,

ting, that wee may willingly and with courage accomplish thy will. Gouerne vs by thy sanctifying spirit, to serue thee with a good heart, in true righteousnesse and holines, which alwayes are most pleasing to thee.

So order and direct vs, that this day wee sin not presumptuously against thee, neither soile our soules with carnall couetousnesse, which holds a shrewd combate against the conscience.

Keepe our lips from euill, and our tongues from talking false or fraudulently, because fond and foolish words are vnfitting for Christians: & therfore let them bee farre enough from vs.

Assist vs (God Father) that

that wee neither ſcandalize, blame, iudge, or condemne any perſon by our wordes: for gladly would wee haue a watch before our mouthes, and a locke of wiſdome faſtned on our lippes, leaſt they ſhould make vs fall ſuddainly, and our tongue proue to be our ouerthrow.

Giue vs grace (Eternall God) to acknowledge & condemne our owne imperfections, leaſt thou take occaſion to iudge vs, or diſplay thy rigorous vengeance againſt vs

These and all other things, which thy wiſdome knowes to bee more needfull for vs then wee can either deſerue or deſire, grant them for thy ſons ſake, Jeſus Chriſt our Sauiour. So be it.

Thankſ-

Thankesgiuing for our knowledge in Christ.

FAther of Heauen and Earth, wee giue thee hearty thanks, that notwithstanding wee are poore & contemptible, yet thou hast reuealed thy holy word, and pretious Gospell vnto vs, for in them all the riches of wisedome and knowledge is contayned, which was hidden from the skilful and wise men of this world, according to thine owne good will & pleasure: for which, and all other thy benefits, continually will I praise thee. Beside (deare Father) thou hast made vs to bee borne of Christian parents, whereby (next to thine owne

owne assistance) we haue bin brought vp in the true faith. Thou hast lightned the darknesse of our hearts by the blessed brightnesse of thy glory: thou hast delinered vs from all false doctrine and idolatry, therby to make vs Sons and heirs of the promise in Jesus Christ, by his holy Gospell, where the incomprehensible treasures of thy grace is contayned, and laid downe as an apparant euidence before vs, imparting plainely that mysterious secret, which to former ages was hidde and concealed.

Thou hast bestowed on vs all spirituall blessings, in those heauenly benefits which wee enioy by Christ: for thou didst respect vs al in him, before the

worlds foundation was laid, and gauest vs knowledge of thy secret will, according to thine owne good pleasure, directing it before by him, to the end it might now be preached that the time is accomplished.

By him we heare the word of truth, the sacred Gospell of our saluation: and wee haue boldnes and firme confidence, through faith which we enioy in him.

For there is no Saluation in any other, or any other name giuen to men, whereby to bee saued, but the name of Iesus, who is the way, the truth, and life, the dore and entrance into the kingdome of heauen, which hee purchased for vs, without any merit or worke in vs, by the sacrifice of his

his owne body, which (without spot or blemish) is our eternall redemption.

Thou didst rise againe from the dead, and sittest on thy fathers right hand in heauen whereby all Principalities, power, might, dominion, & whatsoeuer else can be named in the world, remaineth in thée that art once more to come.

Wherefore we beséech thée (O Father of lights) that thou wouldest continue vs euermore in this true faith and sauing knowledge: For to know thée aright, and vnderstand thy vertue or power, is the direct rule of eternall life. So be it.

A prayer to obtaine true Charity.

LOrd Iesus christ, Son of the euerliuing God; mirror of bright resplendance of the diuine Maiesty: thou hast loued vs euen to the end, and in most zealous charity didst suffer sharpe death for vs poore sinners vpon the Crosse, by which meanes thou deliueredst vs from eternall death, & gauest vs an example of sincere charity, which we ought to exercise one toward another. Wee intreat thee (by thine own faithfull promises) to warme our heartes with the fier of thy diuine loue, that wee may loue thee aboue all things,

thinges, and with our whole heartes, as beeing true God with the Father & holy Ghoſt in one eternall and indiuiſible eſſence, that wee kæping thy word, & cordially louing one another, according to thy new commaundement & example, may thereby teſtifie, that wee are truely thy diſciples, & good Chriſtians: regenerated, not by any corruptible ſæd, but incorruptible, namely, thy liuing word, which abideth eternally

Let euery faithfull man imploy himſelfe for others in brotherly charity, & hearty faithfulneſſe, as being members al of one and the ſame body.

Let this charitye in vs bee true, without fraud, cunning, or hypocriſie; that we loue not one another in tongue and

words onely, but in effectuall works & truth. Inflame our hearts by thy holy spirit, that imitating thine example, wee may loue our very enemies, and doe good to such as hate or persecute vs, committing (patiently) reuenge of all wrongs into thy handes. O Son of God, put farre off from vs all hatred, enuy, rancor, al bitternes and dishonesty, that the bond of perfection bee not vntied or broken by vs.

Lend vs thy holy helpe that we may pardon one another, as thou hast pardoned vs, and suffer not the sun to set on our anger, neither let vs giue any place to the back-biter or slanderer.

Graciously ayd vs to serue thee in true faith, which working

king by charity, wee may remaine alwaies in thee, & thou in vs, in such powerfull sort, as neither life, nor death, nor Angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, or any other creature whatsoeuer may separate vs from our loue in thee. So be it.

For the fruits of the Earth.

LOrd GOD Almighty, King of heauen & earth, thou (by thine incomprehensible bounty & goodnes) dost adorne and fil the earth with al kinds of fruits, for the nourishment both of men and beasts. Wee humbly beseech thee, that (in mercy) it may please thee to bless our Land, the better to

make her bring forth her fruits. For of our selues (O Lord) wee cannot cause it to yeld one small graine of any thing, or adde any strength thereto, except first thou bestow thy blessing thereon. Send vs then such seasons as are aptest for our fruits, that they may increase and grow to good. Preserue them from haile, tempests, destruction of fowles or beasts, or any other annoyances. Suffer not our grounds to rest in thy displeasure, therby to continue desert or vnfruitfull. Shut not vp the Heauens in thine anger, by reason of our sinnes, that they should appeare as yron towards vs, and the earth be as brasse: but graciously send vs the euening and morning raine

raine, with all other prosperous & fertile seasons, ỳ thou visiting the earth, it may grow great in goodnesse & bee amply euery where inriched.

Lord let wheat and all other graine thriue & prosper: For it is thou that preparedst the earth, watered ỳ hard knots, playnest and layest euen our fields, and by thy gentle shewers dost soften, and giuest successe to our séed.

Crowne this yéere with thy blessings, and let fruitfulnes attend on thy foot-steps: so shall the desertest dwelling yéeld plenty of grasse and all our coasts be ingirt with gladnes: the fields shall bee newly apparelled with faire flocks and our very vallies couered with wheat, so that euery one

shall sing and reioyce.

Gratious God, we commit all our seedes into thy safe kéeping, and all the fruits of the earth beside, preserue them from colds, frosts, hails, yces, Snowes, windes, heates, droughts, fierce raines, and al other hurtfull times, to the end they may not bee spild or spoild. Keepe vs from barrennes, famine, dearth and such like afflictions. Wee confesse our sins before thee, in compunction of heart, we cry vnto thee (O God) that now thou wouldest heare vs from heauen the place of thy abiding, to pardon the iniquities of thy people.

Oh suffer vs neuer to bee vnfurnished of bodily sustenance, but still bestow thy bles-

blessings vpon vs: So in all things (with thanksgiuing) shall wee acknowledge thy power and mercy, yea we will sing praises incessantly vnto thee, because thou hast plentifully fed vs both in soule and body, for the maintenance of this life, and that which is euerlasting. So be it.

A Prayer for Sinners.

ALmighty God & most gratious father, that delightest not in ỳ death of a sinner, but rather that hee should returne from his wicked waies & liue; wee pray vnto thee for all those whom the Deuill hath blinded, holding them as captiues in his kingdome, and there liuing in all

sorts of sins. They are drunk with the fleshly pleasures of this world, their vnderstanding is filled with darkenesse, they are addicted to whordom and wickednes, & ouerwhelmed in all kinde of filthinesse. Graunt them grace that (being withdrawne from the snares of Satan, and reduced to the knowledge of thy heauenly will in those thinges which concerne the saluation of their soules) they may confesse their owne blindnes, and the ouergreat iniquities wher with they were entangled, declaring true and hearty repentance therefore.

Eternall God, take from among vs, & vtterly cease Idolatry, sorceries, blasphemies, vaine & rash othes, and all of-

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fences to thy sacred name: as also contempt of thy word, disobedience, murders, hatreds, enuying, enmities, adulteries, thefts, immodesty, bribery, auarice, vsury, lying, deceiuing, defaming, pride, scorning, gluttony, drunkennes, & such like wicked sins, whereby thy blessed name is blasphemed, yong and simple people scandalized or seduced. rot vp obstinacy out of mens hearts, and such as are stony, soften them by thy sanctifying spirit, giue grace vnto vs al, to sigh & sorrow in soule for our sins, that therby we may come to the true knowledge of our selues, & of thy infinite mercies, which (in mere grace) thou offerest and extendest, to all such as conuert and turne

to thée. Assist vs (O Lord) that wee (casting off the old man concerning our present conuersation, which cannot but bee corrupted by those couetous desires that dayly seduce vs) may contrariwise be renewed in the spirit of our vnderstanding, and cloathed with the new man, created according to thée (O eternall God) in holinesse and true righteousnesse.

Let all vs (deare Father) be free from lying & falshood, euery one speaking the truth to his neighbour, because we are members of one another. Let him that did steale, steale no more, but rather labour honestly, and performe some good actions with his hands, to the end hee may impart thereof to him

him that hath nèd. Deare father, grant vs these things, and whatsoeuer is profitable, wholesome or seruing to edification, for our Lord Iesus Christs sake: who liueth and reigneth with thee, in vnity of the holy spirit true god, world without end. So beit.

For such as are sicke and diseased.

GOd strong & most mighty, thy vertue perfects it self by infirmity, thou art also the strength of all the that put their trust in thee, and an assured defence for all necessities in time conuenient.

Wherefore wee pray vnto thee for all such among vs, as are sicke, who being charged with

with bodily infirmities, are daily in danger of death. May it please thee therefore, to make thy holy will knowne vnto them, and grant them grace to receiue, support and suffer all with patience.

Let thy blessed spirit cherish & comfort them on their sicke beds, and giue ease to those diseases wherewith they are afflicted. According to thy great gentnes, take compassion on them, and in fauour of that dolorous passion which thy deare Son Iesus Christ endured: pardon all the transgressions whereby they haue offended thee, & perhaps may bee some occasion of this their sicknes. Releeue, heale, and raise them againe in soule & body, if it be not contrary to thy

thy will or preiudiciall to their eternall saluation, for if thou wilt thou canst wipe away al their iniquities, because thou art our good Physition, our soueraigne assurance: and euen then most willingly helpest, when humaine meanes doe faile and are weakest.

Looke downe from heauen & consider the miserable condition of al sicke persons, take pitty on them; by thy diuine wisedome, enable them with direction & lawfull meanes, for their speedie recouery.

Aid them with thy strong arme & restore them to health: but such for whome it is more necessary (according to thy good pleasure) to depart from these miseries, then longer to saile on this vast sea of afflictions

ons: Call them home vnto thée, & continuing them firme in faith, and constant in holy hope, by a happy ending bring them to ioy without ending.

Let thy sanctifying spirit bée nérest to them, when ỳ houre of departing drawes most vpon them, giue them thẽ grace well and willingly to prepare for death: That being prouided of those things which thou hast ordained for confirmation of their faith, they may bee desirous to dislodge and to be with thée in company of thine elected children.

Shorten their sufferances & distresses, aid them to ouercome all ỳ anguishes of death, passing thorow them with a christian courage, and then to be possessed of life euerlasting.

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Change their griefe into such gladnes, as shall neuer be taken from them. Let earth take their earthly bodies, but receiue thou their soules into thy hands, because thou didst create & redéeme them, in Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

Against the temptations of the Deuill.

GOd GOD, and heauenly Father wee are admonished by thy blessed word, that the old Dragon and Serpent, our aduersary the Diuell runs about vs like a roaring Lyon, dayly séeking to deuoure some of vs.

Hee vseth all his sleights against our soules, with an infinite

finit number of Hellish Stratagems, to make vs fall into sin or despaire.

Hee practiseth to surprise vs: by riches, by poverty, by voluptuous and wanton pleasure, by grædy desire after honor and worldly dignities, by coueting earthly goods and possessions: by care for the belly, and prouision therfore, with all other vnrighteous and sinfull affections.

He cunningly casts abroad his ginnes and snares, to entangle vs both night and day in our wordes and workes: so that wake we or slæpe wee, he is before or behind vs with a wide open throat sæking to swallow vs.

Lord who can escape? for hee is continually watching and

and neuer at rest. We are likewise so fainted by our own sinfull flesh, as (without thy succour) we can make no resistance. Open thou our eies, that we may comprehend how mighty & crafty our enemy is: for we are not to fight against flesh & blood, but against Satan, who is the Prince of this world: therefore (O faithfull God) take pitty vpon vs.

Make vs strong in the power of thine owne strength: put vpon vs thy defensiue armour to resist manfully against the ambuscadoes and cautelous deuices of the Diuell.

Giue vs thy weapons, gird our reines with the girdle of truth: put on our breasts the breast-plates of righteousnes: let our feete bee shod with Euange-

uangelicall peace, and aboue al things) let our hearts be defended with the shield of faith: so shall we bee sure to quench all the fiery darts of the deuil. Alwaies prouided, that our heads be couered with the helmet of saluation, & our hands hold fast the sword of the spirit, which is thy most holy and neuer-fayling word.

By these meanes wee shal be enabled to do any thing, & valiantly (through thy ayde) vanquish the Diuell our aduersary: for (in thy very name) wee shall strongly withstand him. Be thou but our succour, and no feare can assault vs: stand thou but by vs, & though the world shold be ouerwhelmed, & the mountaines tumbled into the middst of the sea, yet

yet safety shall circle vs, for thou art our assistance, that liuest and raignest eternally. Amen.

A Prayer for the Euening.

BLessed Trinity, Father, Son, and holy Ghost, thou art our life, sauing health, and euerlasting comfort, we praise & render thāks to thée, both with mouth and heart, because (all this day) thou hast in mercy most louingly neuer left vs.

Let vs entreat thée, in thine vnspeakable goodnes, to couer all our iniquities, more especially those which this day wee haue committed against thee & thy holy commandements: either by our tongues in vttering

tering vaine and offensiue speaches against our neighbors, or transgressing in any other sinfull manner.

May it please thee to preserue vs this night ensuing from all damage and danger, bodily or ghostly. For our confidence is only in thee: thou art our Lord and God: wee commit both body and soule into thy hands.

That thy diuine Maiestye may bless vs, the holy Trinity defend vs, the eternal vnity sustaine vs, thy infinit mercy preserue vs, thy vnspeakable benignity bless vs, thine endlesse swetnes support vs, the high truth of God shadow vs, the bottomlesse knowledge of Christ strengthen vs, and the incomprehensible goodnes

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of the Lord kepe vs: that the grace of the Father may gouerne vs, the wisedome of the Sonne restore vs, the vertue of the Holy Ghost lighten vs, our Creator still to assist vs, our Redæmer to saue vs, and our holy Comforter neuer to forsake vs.

Eternall God, let thy louing countenance shine vpon vs, thy good graces bee alwayes with vs, thy peace be propitious for vs, and thy louing kindnes euer liue with vs.

Let this our inuocation vpon thee the onely and euerliuing God, stand betweene vs and our aduersaries visible and inuisible, that they neuer may come neere vs, or haue any power to hurt or offend vs. Bee thou a wall of fire, separating

seperating vs from all our enemies, to kéep them off from touching vs: euen as the pillar of the cloud did set it selfe in the wilderneſſe betweene the Egyptyans army and the Campe of the Iſraelites, to the end they might not come néere one another, nor the Children of Iſraell bee any way endangered.

Protect vs alſo at the ending of our daies, when our eies can ſée no more, our eares heare, our tongues ſpeak, our handes ſéele, nor our féete walke. Aſſiſt vs then, O ſacred Trinity, that the Diuell our enemy neuer preuaile againſt vs. So be it.

Thurſday.

Thursday.

A Prayer for the Morning.

O Lord Jesus christ, that art the true eternall light, ouercomming ỹ nights darknes and the shadowes of death; we laud thy name, celebrate and yéeld thée most hearty thankes, because thou hast so blessedly kept vs this night, and hast brought vs thorow darknesse, to behold bright day. Thou hast preserued vs from the terrors of the night, from the fearefull threat-

threatninges and illusions of Sathan, from the dangerous pestilence which walkes in the shades and darkenesse of night, and from many other contagious diseases, wherewith wee might haue beene assailed and surprised.

Thy shield hath roundingirt our soules, and thou hast watched ouer vs as a good shepheard doth ouer his flock: thy great mercy also hath preserued safe & sound all that we do possesse. Thy name for euer be praised, honored, & exalted, not onely for so louingly defending vs, but for infinite other benefits beside, which we day by day doe receiue frō thy liberall bounty. Wee will speake of thy power & magnifie thy mercy euery morning; for

for thou art our principall assurance, our invincible fortresse, our strong defender, & our faithfull God, in whom we onely put our trust: thou fillest our heartes with galdnes, and makest vs to haue a chærfull countenance.

We beseech thée (O Son of God) by thy holy nativity, and because it pleased thée to restore our humane nature in the vnity of thy person, that thou wouldest let thy mercy lighten on vs this day, as the dawning of the morning, whē it begins to appeare bright & clære: and raine downe thy blessinges vppon vs, like the spring-time showers. Illuminate our blinded nature with thy splendor, and our darkned vnderstāding with thy bright

beames of mercy, that thou maiſt ſhine in our ſoules like the cléere morning ſtarre, and the light that leads men into eternall life.

Protect vs this day from all euill whatſoeuer, and Lord be fauourable vnto vs, for we relie vpon none but thee: our ſoules wait on thée this morning and alwaies, as our only deliuerer and defender in all times of tribulation.

Preſerue our bodies and ſoules that no euill come néere vs, or any wounds light vpon vs. Kéepe the infernall fiend far off from vs: let not the wicked touch vs. Stand betwéen vs and the euill doers, and let our enemies haue no dominion ouer vs.

O Lord our GOD, proſper the

the workes of our handes, teach our harts thy obedience, and our fingers thy commandements, that this day wee fall into no ſinne againſt thee. Grant vs theſe graces for thy mercies ſake, which is perpetuall, and neuer had ending. So be it.

Thankeſgiuing for the nouriſhment of our bodies.

KIng of glory, Lord of Heauen & earth we humbly thank thee, becauſe moſt fatherly thou haſt fed vs from our infancy, euen vntill this time, abundantly furniſhing vs euery day with meats, drinks, garments, and whatſoeuer is neceſſary for the maintenance of this life.

For wee issued forth of our mothers wombes, and came starke naked into the world, miserable and ful of many necessities, but thou didst prouide vs all things needfull.

O Lord our God, great are thy meruayles, none is like vnto thée: Wée will declare and speake of thy workes, although they are not to bee numbred. Wée ought not to be silent, or conceale thy prayses, but to recount thy goodnes to our childrens children, and to speake of thy faithfulnes to such as shall succéed vs, euen so long as the world shall endure. Wee beséech thée that hereafter thou wilt not forsake vs, but giue vs bread to féed vs, for thou knowst what neede we haue of thy blessings

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for maintenance of our liues, considering that of our selues, we haue nothing. But when thou giuest we receiue them, and when thou openest thy hands, euery thing liuing is filled with thy blessings. Giue vs grace, that by sin wee misuse not thy gifts, that we attempt not beyond measure, nor suffer our heartes to bee charged with gluttony, drunkennes, and the cares of this life: And so become slaues to riches, fall headlong into the snares and temptations of Sathan, with many other dãgerous desires, that plunge men suddenly into perdition. Kæpe vs from couetousnesse, the rot of all euill, let vs hold firme footing, and neuer fall from thy faith, so to be shut vp

in endleſſe ſorrowes.

O good God, aſſiſt vs, that we may caſt al our care vpon thée, and haue recourſe to thée in all neceſſities: As to our louing Father, which art in heauen, from whence thou gineſt vs our daily bread and all thy other good bleſſingsbeſide, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

To haue vnity in Faith.

MErcifull GOD, thou haſt called vs to an eſpeciall hope of our vocation, for as there is no other but one Lord, one Faith, one Baptiſme, one God and Father of vs all, euen as thou art (O Father) one with thy déere Son and the holy Ghoſt: ſo ought

ought wee all to bee vnited in thée. Wherefore wee pray vnto thée to knit together the hearts of all the faithfull, that they may bee all of one affection in thée, and féele one comfort among them from thée in Jeſus Chriſt, and in the vnion of true faith. Mayntaine vs in true vnderſtanding of the holy Scriptures, that we may nouriſh no opinions or partialities: but vſe the ſame words in the ſame ſenſe. being of one conſent and carefull to kéepe the vnity of the ſpirit, by the bond of peace: that therby our hearts may méet in charity, euen vntill we all méete together in the laſt vnity of perfect faith and final knowledge of thy dearly beloued Sonne, who is the onely head of the

Church. It is also hee that assembles all bodyes in one, that (as his liuing members) wee should cleaue one to another, euery one lending a hand to his neighbour to do him seruice, according to the gifts and graces which haue bẽ giuen vnto vs.

Suffer not among vs a diuersity in opinion and vnderstanding of thy word, thereby to raise pernitious sects and diuisions. Neither let vs do any thing for priuate contention, or vaine glory, as despisers and haters one of another.

Put far off from vs all carnall zeale, enuy, malice, pride, and curiosity in foolish and vnprofitable questions, which engender nothing but debate, and giue occasion also of contenti-

tentions, wherby we grow to back-biting, and euen eating vp (as it were) one of another. Hinder the Diuells power, and all the policies of the peruerse, which desire to breake the bonds of concord.

O Lord our God grant that all such as are wanderers from the truth, and are of a broken sense or vnderstanding, being led by errors, diuisions & heresies, may attaine to knowledge, and returne to the right way.

Keepe vs from confused and troublesome spirits, that thy Church may not be offended, and simple innocents scandalised or seduced by sweet speeches of the proud & arrogant.

Ayde vs O God, Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, to

praise loue and laud thée, with one consent both of mouth and mind. Amen.

For Peace.

GRatious GOD and mercifull father, thou art the god of peace, thou louest it, and from thée commeth all concord. Therfore wee pray vnto thée, to blesse, maintaine and defend al Christendome against thy enemies and blood-thirsting people, that it beeing preserued in peace and quietnes, we may alwayes serue thée in safety, ioy, pureness of doctrine, and holy conuersation.

Giue grace, that all the Potentates and Rulers of Christendome, may liue peacefully to-

together in piety and honesty: So that good manners, order, and ciuill policy be not impeached and peruerted, Churches and Schooles of learning ruined, and Kingdomes destroyed, or made miserably desolate.

Let euery one be contented with his owne, and suffer not any to couet or desire countries and people, which no way appertaine vnto them: either through auarice, pride, appetite of vaine-glory, curiosity, enmity, enuy, or by any such like causes, to raise wars, troubles or seditions in their owne kingdoms. Preserue vs from dissensions & effusions of blood, ouerthrow all euill counsell and male-contented medlers, whose hearts can fasten

fasten vpon no goodnesse: Let confusion follow their enterprises, their consultations begin in sorrow and end in feare and shame. Let thy arme be advanced in our defence, seeing thy name is honoured among vs, and suffer not thy heritage to be wasted.

Assist thy faithfull that put their trust in thee, and cal earnestly vpon thee. Answere vs in the day of our distresse, and let thy name bee our support: send succour from thy holy place, and euermore strengthen vs. Bee good to countries and Citties wherein thy blessed word is embraced: Let peace dwel within their wals, prosperity and plenty within their pallaces. O good God encline the hearts of al men to loue

loue peace and vnity, chiefly those, whom thou hast called by thy word and Gospell.

If there doe happen any trouble or dissention among any people: doe thou so prouide, that (by good meanes) it may be quickly appeased, for the glory of thy names sake, the aduancement of thy word and the saluation of all Christians. So that poore countries may reioyce in thee, and glorifie thy name: Because thou art he that onely workest wonders, and dost manifest thy power vpon all Nations. So beit.

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For Infidels and Wanderers from faith.

LOrd and Father euerlaſting, wee pray vnto thee in thy deare beloued Sons name Jeſus Chriſt our Sauiour, that it would pleaſe thee to take compaſſion on all Infidels and Vnbeleeuers in what place, or of what condition ſoeuer they be that wāder as yet in darkenes without any light of thy holy Goſpell.

The Diuell hath ſmitten them with blindnes, detaining them with hardned harts through ignorance remayning in them, they are meere ſtrangers to life, which life (O eternall GOD) thou thy ſelfe art. They runne after dumbe

dumbe Idols, euen according as they are led, & (through their miſbeliefe) blame and blaſpheme thy deare Son Chriſt Jeſu the only throne of grace.

Wherefore O faithful God, take away from vnbeléeuing Jewes, the couerture that lies vpon their hearts, making thē to offend againſt the ſtumbling ſtone and rocke of contempt. Illuminate their eyes, that they may ſee and acknowledge the true Meſſias, the Sauiour of the whole world.

Call home all Pagans and Infidels to thy true ſhéepfold. Such as hold thy word for folly, aſſemble them with Chriſtians, and the Communion of thy Saints: that they may honour, praiſe, and pray with

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vs and all the faithfull to the Father and Sonne, and to the holy Ghoſt, one true GOD and Lord euerlaſting.

Open the vnderſtanding of all them that repoſe not confidence for their ſaluation, vpon the true foundation and corner ſtone Jeſus Chriſt.

Let them know him whom thou haſt ſent, and (in firme faith and beliefe) receiue him for their Lord and redæmer: who by his obedience fulfilled the law, and by moſt grieuous death, purchaſed our eternall redemption.

Let it pleaſe thée alſo good Father, to bring back into the way of thy true word, all ſuch as haue ſtraied from Chriſtian faith, erring in ſome certaine points, by being poſſeſ-

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sed with false doctrine. Most mercifull God, take pitty on them that are not in true religion, but do sit in the shadowe of death, and walke euill waies, according to the blindnesse of their sense.

Seeke them that are lost, gather them that haue straied lighten them that are in darknesse: open the eares of the deafe, the mouthes of the dumbe, and all such as haue not knowne thee.

Strengthen them that stand, restore such as haue fallen, take al the scatred, and assemble the dispersed. Finally, in this life make vs all of one faith, and fellowes of one inheritance in the Kingdome of Heauen. So be it.

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For our Benefactors.

O Lord our God, becauſe wee vnderſtand by thy holy word, that thou holdeſt all ingratitude in deteſtation, and puniſhment ſhall neuer depart from the houſe of the vnthãkfull: in regard alſo, that the hope of the ingrate ſhall ſuddenly melt it ſelfe, like ice before the beams of the Sunne, and glide away like water, that brings no profit with it: wee humble beſeech thee to grant vs grace, that at all times, and from the depth of our hearts, we may acknowledge and thanke thee for all thy benefits, and that we may neuer be vnthankfull toward ſuch

such as haue done vs any good lest wee fall into thy iudgemẽt & iust vengeance. We render thee thanks (O Lord and omnipotent Father) for thou art most benigne, thy mercy endures for euer: thou art faithfull, and kéepest promise to a thousand generations. To thee O God, King eternal, immortall, inuisible, & only wise, be al honor and glory for euer

We direct our prayers also vnto thée, for all those that haue holpen, nourished, or brought vs vp from our infancy, that haue taught, corrected, instructed, and done good to vs, either by wordes or workes.

More especially, wee pray to thée for all those for whom wee stand most obliged, to intreate

treat thée, of whom (very wel) thou knowest the names and their condition. O good God, wee humbly commend them all vnto thée, to bleſſe them in bodie and ſoule, while they abide héere beneath, and afterward to crowne them in thine eternall kingdome.

Aſſiſt vs with thy grace and bleſſings, that (in due time) wee may ſome way recompence their good turnes: if not to them, yet to their children; and that, as we haue receiued benefits, ſo we may likewiſe (to our power) bee beneficiall and ſeruiceable to others, that our leaues do not wither, or our ſelues bee pluckt vp like vnprofitable trées which carry no fruit, and fit for nothing but the fier.

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Let not the ignorance of o-thers be hurtfull to vs, therby to become ſlothfull and negli-gent, in doing good to all men, but eſpecially to the hoſhold of faith. And becauſe thou art ſo gratious, O heauenly Fa-ther, as to let thy Sun ſhine both on good and bad, and the raine to fall both on iuſt and vniuſt: Giue vs grace, to imitate this thine example of mildneſſe: thereby to teſtifie, that wee are truely thy Chil-dren, and in our doing good, wee may ſtop the mouthes of ignorant and fooliſh men.

And that it may be done in ſuch ſort, as thy ſacred name ſhal neuer be prophaned, but ſanctified by vs and ours: for thou liueſt and raigneſt our true omnipotent God, world

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without end. So be it.

Againſt the temptations of the world.

ETernall God and heauenly Father, there is (alas) nothing good in this world: whatſoeuer is therein, is nothing els but deſire of the fleſh, concupiſcence of the eies and pride of life: the whole world is ſwallowed vp in wickedneſſe, and is filled with ſinnes or ſcandals.

Wherefore wee pray thee to turne vs from all earthly occaſions, and let our deſires be only to thee, that we be not abuſed by the world, nor linked in affection thereto, or any thing therein: becauſe the world and whatſoeuer it containes

taines, must passe away.

Assist vs that we be not offended by the wicked examples of the peruerse, which it grieues vs dayly to behold: neyther let vs enter at the wide gate, or walke the broad way, wherby the world marcheth, which leadeth to eternall ruine and destruction.

O gracious God, thou hast raised and seuered vs from the world, to the end that our affections should not dwell on earth: but rather the conuersation of our Spirite to bee in Heauen, seeking those things which are aboue, and not here below on earth. Giue vs grace neuer to conforme our selues to this world, or walke after his steppes: but that we may be changed, by the renuing of

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our vnderſtanding to approue intirely and perfectly what thy heauenly will is, and ſo become agreeable thereto with our whole heart, walking on wiſely redeeming the time.

Let vs neuer bee ſundred from thee, by loue or hatred, fauour or diſfauour of the world: but let the world bee crucified to vs, and we alſo to the world, that renouncing and abſtayning from all the deſires and filthineſſe thereof, wee may bee thorowly dead thereto. When the world doeth hate or perſecute vs, lift vs vp (O God) with thy right hand, that we be not diſcouraged, or become impatient. For the world held thy deare Sonne Jeſus Chriſt in hatred long before vs, there-

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fore let his example comfort vs, and settle our assurance neuer to be of this world.

Mercifull God, helpe vs altogither, that we forsaking incredulity and worldly affections, may liue soberly, iustly, and religiously, attending in blessed hope the glorious comming of our Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ: who gaue himselfe for vs; that we might be redeemd and purified from all iniquitie, and be a peculiar people to himselfe, and careful in the accomplishing of al good workes. So be it.

A praier for the Euening.

PRaised be God the Father, by Iesus Christ, with the holie Ghost, the

onely true eternall God, who of his great goodnes, notwithſtanding we are poore miſerable ſinners, hath moſt louingly preſerued vs this whole day, from all the fiery dartes of the diuell, wherewith continually hee wanders about. Alſo he hath kept vs from all contagious diſeaſes which deſtroy at mid-day, from ſudden death, and all other inconueniences.

Thou art merciful, & al thy workes are worthy to be praiſed, therefore (moſt gracious God) we beſeech thée to forget and forgiue whatſoeuer wee haue this day committed againſt thée in workes, words, or thoughts.

Stretch forth thy mercy againe ouer vs, and grant vs

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quiet rest and sléep this night approaching, that we may neuer be forsaken of thée, because thou art the euerlasting rest. By faith then let vs abide in thée, and remaine in assurance vnder thy protection, that the wicked spirite haue no power to come neare vs, or presume any way to feare or affright vs.

Eternall God thou art our continual light and saluation, what then shall wee doubt? Thou art the strength of our life, who then shal dismay vs: Our harts repose themselues on thée, & dreads no danger: for thou art our comfort, and alone defender. Confirme thy grace in vs, let thy right hand hold vs, and thy strong arme for euer be our refuge.

Behold our GOD, earely in the morning did we cry vnto thée, and thou didst answer: Now at night also will wee not cease, but lift vp our voyces, for thou wilt heare vs: when wee lay vs downe in our beds, we are mindefull of thee, and when wee awake wee speake in heart to thee, because thou art our ayde, and vnder the shadow of thy wings will we reioyce. Our soules draw neare vnto thee, thy right hand holdes vs from falling, and when the darke night shall ouershadow vs, yet thou (being Eternall) art the light of our saluation.

O GOD, grant vs grace, that when the houre of our departing approacheth, and wee must bee layd in the bedde of death,

death, for euerlasting repose: that (through thine assistance) we may happily sleepe in true and firme faith, and wake againe afterward to life Eternall. In the meane while, be mercifull vnto vs, that wee may bee alwayes watchfull, liuing modestly and soberly, in a true Christian preparation, because wee know not when the houre of thy comming will be, or when thou wilt take vs hence to thee. Make vs then worthie to stand before thy Sonne, and in iudgement let vs neuer be confounded. So be it.

Friday.

A Prayer for the Morning.

PRayse bee giuen to thée (O GOD our Creator, Sauior and Comforter) that giuest vs life, health and benediction. Thou art our support and protector, thou hast preserued vs this passed night by thy great mercie frō many secret attempts of Satan, and sound, and safely hast brought vs to beholde this day. Heauenly Father, we beséech thée by those bitter anguishes, wherein

wherein the very sweate of IESUS CHRIST thy deare Sonne, falling on the ground, became like knotted clods of earth: that this day thou wilt receiue vs into thy safeguard, defending vs both without and within, that no maner of euill happen vnto vs.

For into thy hands, both now and euer, we commend and commit our poore soules, our miserable bodies, our life subiected to many necessities, our senses, our reason, our vnderstanding, our enterprises, our thoughts, words and workes. In briefe, all our affaires, our entrance and issue, our going forth, and returning back again, our disposing of any thing, eyther walking,

sitting, or lying downe, our will, counsell, deliberation, faith, confession, and whatsoeuer is within or without vs, the ending of our life, the day and houre of our death, yea, our death and resurrection. O our Lord God, doe thou with vs in all these, as thou wilt, knowing them best for thine owne honour, & our saluation.

Kéepe vs in thy faith, feare, and true knowledge, preserue vs from the woekes of iniquitie: and if through infirmitie we fall into sinne, yet doe not thou withdraw thy mercie from vs, or turne away thy comfortable countenance, lest we perish by being vnprouided of thine assistance.

For there is none other GOD and Sauiour, but thou,

thou, there was none before thée, neyther shall be any after thée, thou art the first and the last, the beginning and ending: Therefore wee crie and call onely to thée, to haue thy blessed spirit always with vs.

Guide thou our feete in thy right paths, lest wee walke after the counsell of the wicked, or treade in the wayes of sinners, or sit in the chaire of the scornefull. Let our delight be only in thy word and commandements, therein to exercise our selues day and night, through our Lord Jesus Christ, So be it.

Thankesgiuing for the Passion of Christ.

LOrd Jesus Christ, true GOD and man, we

render thee most harty thãks, that wee beeing poore wretched sinners, and subiected to damnation: yet it pleased thee in mercy (without any worke worth, or merit in vs) to redeeme vs by thy blessed passion, death, and bloudshedding.

O Lord Iesus, thy sufferings were most grieuous, thy paines intollerable, thy torments multiplyed, thy wounds made deep, thy death most bitter and dolorous.

Great was that loue, wherby thou diddest yeelde to appease thy Fathers wrath towardes vs: when on the mount of Olyues, the extreame agonies of death did enforce a bloudie sweate which fell from thy amiable face, in great droppes

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vpon the ground. Alas, deare Lord, thou wert forsaken of all thy Disciples, and willingly diddest thou deliuer thy selfe (for vs) into the hands of the hard-hearted Iewes, who most cruelly bound thee, and than (without any mercy) led thee from one wicked Iudge to another, where thou wert falsly accused, condemned, spet vpon, mocked and buffeted.

Thou wast wounded for our iniquities, and by the burden of our sinnes wert beaten, whipped, crowned with thornes, and most miserably handled: resembling rather the true shape of wretchednes then the glorious figure of a man.

For thou wast made most con-

contemptible, despised, burdened with dolours and disgraces, and that in such sort, as the hart of a very Pagan was moued to compassion, saying: Behold, what maner of man is this?

For our transgressions thou wert reckoned among malefactors, and hanged betweene two of them, as a thing accursed, hauing thy handes and feet pierced through with nayles.

Moreouer, in thy extreame drought, they gaue thée vineger and gall to drinke, & thou didst render vp thy Spirite in most wofull anguishes: onely to satisfy for our offences, and that (in thy woonds) our sick soules might be healed.

Wee render thee prayse and

and thanks from the bottome of our hearts, for these sufferings, and all other paines by thée endured, beséeching thée neuer to permit that thy holy and most bitter passion, may be as lost on our behalfe: but rather that we may make our glory therin as hauing no other true comfort in the world beside. Let vs consider and meditate thereon in such sort, that all wicked desires may be quaild or quenched in vs. And contrariwise, al vertuous and good deliberations there déeply grounded.

Let such encrease arise therby to vs and ours, that dying to sinne, we may liue to righteousnes, following the tracks of our fore-leaders setting: supporting euery iniury with patience

patience, and suffering all outrages with a good conscience. So be it.

A Prayer to haue repentance.

God most pittiful & mercifull, thou art patient, exceading in kindnesse and fidelitye, thou calleſt vs dayly by thy gratious preaching of thy word, to a christian conuersation, proclaiming in thine owne name, repentance and remission of sinnes to all people and nations.

Thou hast beene yet more patient with vs by thy long forbearance and vnspeakable mercy, deferring to deale with sinners suddenly, or to punish them in thine indignation

tion (according to thy iuſt iudgement) ſo ſoone as their trãſgreſſions are committed: But thou haſt giuen them leiſure for their conuerſion, ſo that no one can take occaſion any way to complaine of thee, becauſe it is no part of thy wil that any one ſhould periſh, but rather (by repentance) hee ſhould conuert and haue eternall life.

O good God, thou knoweſt what the ſlowneſſe of our fleſh is, as alſo the dulnes of our hearts: for we are become ſo corrupt in our nature, and falne ſo farre downe into the depth of ſinne, that we are no way able (of our ſelues) to get backe or be holpen. Wherefore wee beſeech thee, in the wide woundes of our Lord and

and Sauiour Iesus Christ, to conuert vs vnto thee, and we shall be conuerted, heale vs, O Lord, and wee shall be healed, raise vs by thy hand, and we shall be raised. Behold, we are as scattered or lost sheepe; seeke after vs good shepheard, for we are thy wandring disobedient seruants: let vs neuer more bee vnmindfull of thy commandements.

Circumcise the fore-skin of our hearts, cleanse vs from our sinnes, that we may be cleane, wash vs, and we shall be whiter then snow.

Create a new heart within each of vs, and a spirit of assurance. Cast vs not away out of thy presence, neither take thy sanctifying spirit from vs.

Looke vpon vs (O God)

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as thou diddest behold Marie Magdalen that penitent sinfull woman, when she lay at thy feete, bitterly mourning for her sinnes: or as on the Publican, that fell on his face in the Temple, beating his brest, and begging thy mercy. Grant vs true contrition, and hearty sorrow in soule for our sins: make our faith stable, and giue vs firme confidence to apprehend and lay hold on thy graces, and to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

Assist vs, to acknowledge the time of our visitation, that wee may not misprise the riches of thy graces, that wee neglect not the acceptable time, or day of saluation: that wee bee not slow in conuerting to thée our Lord and God,

God, neither put off our repentance from day to day: but that euen this very day, nay, this instant houre, and hence forward, we may repent and amend through Iesus Christ our only Redeemer. So be it.

A Prayer to haue patience in all times of tribulation.

ALmighty GOD and louing Father, thou art the strength of the weake, the health of the sicke, the support of the miserable, the consolation of the afflicted, the ioy of the desolate, the refuge of the forsaken, the aid of such as are tempted, the life of the dying, and the God of patience and all comfort.

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Thou knowest that by nature we are infirme, feeble, and of slender abilitie: so that wee cannot vndergoe any tribulation, without thy helpe and diuine assistance.

Therefore, whensoeuer thou visitest vs with sickenesse, or any other aduersity, wee haue recourse to none but thee, intreating, that it would please thee to make vs continue firm in faith, and constant in patience: that we may endure thy hand and fatherly visitations, with a patient heart and peaceable spirit.

Giue vs patience, for wee haue great neede thereof in times of affliction, to the end we may doe thy will, and receiue thy promise. Teach vs O God, to be quiet in thy presence

sence, when any aduersities doe come vpon vs.

Let vs esteeme or reckon tribulations not to bee as signes of thy displeasure, neither let vs murmure in heart against thee, or be any way impatient. Let vs acknowledge and confesse (O Lord) that such as ỹ louest, thou doest chastise for their amendment: because tribulation produceth patience, patience proofe, proofe hope, and hope can neuer bee confounded.

Blessed is hee (O GOD) whom thou doest chastise, for none ought to refuse the chastisements of the Almighty, because thou makest the sore, and bindest it vp againe, thou woundest, and thy right hand healeth: thou deliuerest vs from

from six tribulations, and in the seuenth no euill shal touch vs.

Helpe vs then (O eternall and mercifull GOD) to possesse our soules with patience, and to continue constant in hope, so that in the boldnes of children wee may acknowledge thee our euerlasting father, and remember the heauy burthen thou didst beare for vs vpon thy glorious Crosse.

Grant that we may be fortified in all strength according to the greatnesse of thy glory, and that we may persever in all sufferings, with a contented, patient, and ioyfull spirit, rendring thee thanks in al necessities whatsoever. That suffering heere beneath with our Master Christ, both wee

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and all others may bee lifted vp with him into eternal glory. So be it.

For Women great with child.

MOst mighty and euerliuing God, who in thy eternall wisdom, didst appoint that women should bring forth children in paine and trauaile: We pray vnto thee, that thou wouldest suffer such to know (as either are great with child, or neere their time of trauaile) thy holy and blessed will, that they may support with patience their dolors and distresses.

May it please thee also to change their heauinesse into ioy: granting them grace with com-

comfort to see the fruit of their trauaile, and conquer their bitter paines & anguishes with ioy, that a humaine creature is borne into the world.

Helpe then (O most mercifull GOD) both the mother and child, for without thy succour (what soeuer can else bee done) all is but in vaine, although the whole world were present there.

Vouchsafe that their children may come into the world aliue, healthfull, vnhurted, and without any defect or imperfection. Hinder the diuell, who labours so much as hee can, that no child should come liuing into the world, because they may proue no enemies to his kingdome.

Preserue all Christian women

men trauelling with childe, that their birthes bee not abortiue, or they be terrified by the sight of any hideous shapes.

Bee gratious likewise to young Children, that after their naturall nativity, they may receiue holy Baptisme, bee made new Creatures in Iesus Christ, and ordained for the life eternall.

Bee mercifull to them that lie in child-bed or giue sucke, that hauing recouered their weakned strength, and being restored againe to perfect health, they may onely prayse thee therefore, as beeing that God, that hath been their sole defender and helper, learning alwaies to put their trust in thee, who art euermore neer to them that truly cal vpon thee.

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But if (by thy permission, or secret and incomprehensible will) some disastre doe happen in the child-birth: Give grace to the Father, Mother, and kindred, to endure with patience that heauie crosse, and not to distrust therfore thy mercy. But rather to receiue and entertaine it, as a triall of their faith and patience, holding and acknowledging thee alwaies for their most gratious God, ready to pardon sinners: and that in midst of thine anger thou euer remembrest mercy. For when thou afflictest any one, sone after thou makest him or her to reioyce againe: Because grace is alwayes found after chastisement, through the merits of Jesus Christ. So be it.

For prisoners and Captiues.

ETernall and most mercifull Father, thou art the God of heauen and gouernour in all Kingdomes. Might and Maiesty is in thy hand, and there is none that can resist against thée. Wée humbly pray vnto thée for all such as are Prisoners, either for the truth of thy holy word, or otherwise are detayned as Captiues vnder the Turke and such like Infidels, grieuously tormented, charged, & oppressed with most painefull seruitude. May it please thée to comfort them with thy blessed spirit, and deliuer them by

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thy power and mercy out of those wretched bonds, & ouer-weighty yoke of wofull captiuity. Send them some means (according as thou canst, and best dost know how) for their redemption and deliuerance. O Lord gather together those prisoners, and such as are far dispersed, for the loue of thy name; that they may render thanks vnto thée, and recount thy holy praises after thier imprisonment. It is most certaine, that the Lord vnderstandeth poore prisoners sighings, and deliuers such as are carried to death.

He can set at liberty his captiue people, so that the miserable or afflicted shall reioyce, & (with greatnes of ioy) passe ouer griefe like a dreame.

Their mouthes ſhall be filled with laughter, & their tongues with thankſgiuing, that it may be ſaid among all Nations: The Almighty hath done great things for vs; we were in miſerie, but now wee reioyce. Lord, take away captiuity from the afflicted, for ỹ art their only helper and the God of hoſts. But if ther be any, who (according to thy diuine prouidence) are to endure a longer time of thy aldome for triall of their faith, and to exerciſe their patience: deare Father comfort them, eaſe the burden that they beare, and let them find ſome grace among them, to whom they are priſoners, with a certaine hope, and full perſwaſion, that thou wilt not reiect them

them for euer.

And aboue al continue them in true christian faith, against all false doctrines and opinions, that they may most comfort themselues and reioyce, that thou hast deliuered their soules from eternall imprisonment, and from the chains of hell and darke enelle.

O good God, set frée our soules likwise from the bonds of misty errour, and captivity of death: Because thou pronouncest deliuerance to captiues, and enlargement to prisoners, hauing also commanded that the gratious pleasing yeare of thy beneuolence, should bee openly preached. Assist vs likewise that haue the benefit of liberty whereby our Lord Christ did

first enfranchise vs: And let vs neuermore fall vnder the yoake of seruitude, to bee as bondslaues and vassals to sin and Sathan. So be it.

Against the temptation of the flesh.

O Mercifull God and gratious Father, we acknowledge & confesse, that no goodnesse at all abideth in our flesh: because we were altogether conceiued in iniquity, and engendred out of sinfull séed. Yea our flesh and bloud is in such sort depraued as we can neither vnderstand or comprehend (by our owne reason) any thing of the blessed Spirit.

Wee beséech thée therefore

foꝛe to graunt vs true knowledge of thy beloued Sonne, to the end, that wee may not iudge by our carnall sense, of those affaires which are spirituall, oꝛ of thy woꝛd, neither suffer our affections to be guided by the flesh. Helpe vs to bꝛing our bodies in seruitude, and compell oꝛ crucifie our coꝛrupted flesh, with all the delights and desires thereof. That thy holy Spirit may leade vs, and wee follow his fotsteps in true righteousnes. Confessing that we (who appertaine to thy deare Son Iesus Chꝛist) ought not to bee carnall, but spirituall: being debters, not to liue after the flesh, but accoꝛding to the spirit, to the end that we maynot die, as concerning our soules.

But because the flesh combateth continually against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, being euermore contrary, battelling the one against the other: helpe vs O faithfull God, that the Spirit which thou gauest vs by thy blessed word in baptisme, may raigne in vs ouer the flesh, and wee become subiect thereto. And that by vertue therof, we may mortifie the workes of the flesh, withall the sinful desires thereof: so that we may not walke hereafter according to our owne will, or in the vanity of our weake vnderstanding. If we chance at any time to bee surprised by flesh and blood, or (through infirmity) doe fall into iniquity: lift vs vp Lord with thy right hand

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that by thine ayde and inſpiration of thy holy Spirit, wee may at length bee able to riſe vp againe.

Suffer not our bodies to be diſſolute or out of order, but that by liuing ſoberly and modeſtly, wee may bring them vnder the yoake of thy ſacred ordinances. And being truely humbled, thy grace may cleanſe vs from all corruption of the fleſh and ſpirit, perfecting our ſanctification in thy feare. So that both our ſpirit, ſoule and body may bee preſerued vnreprooueable in the great day of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and then to partake with thee in thy eternall glory. So be it.

A Prayer for the Euening.

GLory be to thée, O Eternall GOD, that only worketh wõderful things, blessed for euer bee thy glorious name, and let al the earth bee filled with thy might and Maiesty.

All the day long will wee celebrate thy prayses, and in the euening our mouthes shal render thée thanks continually. For when wee cry vnto thée, thou hearest vs, and when wee make complaint, thou gently enclinest thine eare vnto vs. Thou listenest to our voice when wee pray vnto thée, being our onely refuge, strength and succour

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in all our distresses. Gratious God, we giue thee praise and thankes, because thou hast so fatherly preserued vs this whole day, from all euill and mischances which might haue happened vnto vs. Our harts are ioyfull and our soules doe blesse thee, for all thy great gratuities and mercies. Let our tongues neuer cease to talke of thee dayly, saying, Blessed be the Lord our God praised be his holy name.

We humbly beseech thee, to pardon al the sinnes which we haue this day committed, and likewise to defend vs this night drawing on, with all them appertayning vnto vs. Bee thou our warrant shield and safegard, preserue vs from all euils, keepe our soules

soules in thy protection, and bee fauourable vnto vs. For all our hope is in thée, that art Eternall, and wee call vpon thée, O Lord our God, who onely canst giue end to all our afflictions.

Ye that hath béen alwaies, and yet is our defender, slée-peth not at all: Yee that kée-peth Israell, doth neuer slumber, nor slée pe: Yee will confirme our soting in a good way, to the end that wée may not suffer our feet to slide, for his word is a lanthorne to our steps.

Therefore when wee shall lay vs downe in our beds, wee will not bee dismaied or terrified: but slée pe soundly, without any dread of sud-den astonishments, or any assaults

assaults of the wicked to come vpon vs.

O Lord our God, let the brightnes of thy face shine vpon vs, that we may lie down, rest and sleepe in peace, being assured of thy protection, because thou onely art our helper. We will lay vs downe in our beds, repose and close our eyes in thy name: thou art our everliuing Lord: thy grace shall waken vs againe in the morning, to expresse the praise and glory of thy diuine maiesty, through Iesu Christ thy deare Sonne our Sauior, who liueth and raigneth with thee in vnity of the blessed spirit. Amen.

Satur-

Saturday.

A Prayer for the Morning.

TRue and eternall God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we lift vp our spirites vnto thee, with hearty thankes-giuing: for we can not conceale thy righteousnes in our hearts, but we must declare thy faithfulnesse and sauing health, euen in the greatest congregations. And wee will neuer be silent, but openly report what good thou hast

hast done vnto vs. For it is a commendable thing to celebrate thy Prayses, and sing Psalmes in thy name: That euery morning thy goodnesse may be declared, and thy fidelity bee spoken of, till darke nights approaching.

Behold then wherefore our soules doe prayse thee, because by thy great mercy thou hast defended vs all this night. Lord God of hosts & armies, hallowed bee thy Name, because thou shewest thy selfe gracious to all such as seeke thee, and loue thy saluation. Thy great name (which euer hath beene our protection and succour) be blessed ouer all the world, & those workes which thou hast done for the children of men, let them liue in endlesse

lesse holy remembrance.

This day likewise Lord we pray thée to preserue vs, that the wicked spirit worke no euill against vs, nor the handes of the vngodly doe any way touch vs.

Lord God our Sauior, wée wake this morning, to looke vpon thy wonders. From the breake of day haue wee cryed vnto thée to be our helper, that with diligence and faithfulnesse wee may follow the workes of our vocation, according as thou hast commaunded, for thy honour, and the benefit of our neighbours.

Let vs no way misuse the light of this day, nor any of thy other creatures by sinfull meanes. Let our words and workes be free from thy disple-

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ſure, and let vs not violate the league wee made to thee in baptiſme. Grant vs grace alſo to kæpe our ſelues from thoſe fiue things which thou hateſt, & from the ſeauenth which is abomination to thée: To wit, prowd lofty lookes, a falſe deceitfull tong, hands that ſhed innocent blood, a heart that deuiſeth actions of outrage, fæte ſwift and ſpædy in turning to euil, a falſe witnes that dares boldely vtter lies, and hé that ſets debate among his brethrẽ. O good God, preſerue vs from theſe ſins, and from ſuch as any way doe reſemble them: giuing vs grace, that our life and dæds may be acceptable to thée, in Jeſus Chriſt thy deare Sonne our Sauiour. So be it.

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Thankesgiuing for the great mercies of God.

HOly Trinity, and true vnity in three distinct Persons, thou art one sole Essence, one Lord and God, of one and the selfe same maiestie and excellencie.

Wee call vpon thee, & yeelde thee thankes from the depth of our hearts for all thy blessings bestowed vpon vs.

For it is a matter most wholesome and reasonable (O holie Father) that wee should be thankefull to thee at all times, and in all places, by our Lord Jesus Christ: Because the Angells doe prayse thee, the Archangels adore thee, and all the heauenly armies, po-

powers, principalities of the celestiall regions, with al vertues on earth (especially thy holy Christian Church in all places of the world) incessantly doe laud and glorifie thée.

Grant vs grace also, that our voyces may bee ioyned with theyrs, and that (with them) thou wilt be pleased to receiue our prayers, prayses, and giuing of thankes: which now at this instant wée offer vnto thée for thy manifolde great mercies, which euery day are dewed downe vpon vs, so high as heauen is from the earth.

For when wee were dead in sinne, thou diddest quicken vs againe together in Iesus Christ, and hast shewed vs the

the moſt excellent treaſures of thy grace, only in thy mere gwdneſſe O Lord. How great are thy mercies? And how kinde art thou to them that turne vnto thee? Who can recount thy numberleſſe benefits, or who can adde any iote vnto them? They doe euen equall thy ſelfe in greatnes, for thou repꝛouеſt, chaſteneſt, inſtructeſt, and haſt care of ſuch as are thine, euen as a good ſhepheard hath of his flocke.

Thou haſt compaſſion on all them that firſt do ſuffer themſelues to be drawne, and then are deſirous to heare thy word. Euen as a deere father is ſwéet in affection towardes his children, ſo is the Lord our eternall Father towardes all them

them that feare him.

Lord, who is like vnto thée? Thou takest away iniquitie, and passest ouer the misdædes of the remnãt of thy heritage. Thou delightest not to be angry for euer, because thou art mercifull, and wilt take pittie againe vpon vs, treading our offences downe, and throwing our sins into the bottome of the Sea.

From generation to generation will we remember and praise thy mercies, which haue bẽn from the beginning of the world, and shall endure for euer.

We will extoll thy name, because thou art gracious, louing, of infinite goodnesse and mercy: Which likewise (good Father) we pray thee to be-

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stow vpon vs, as wee doubt not to obtaine the same, in the merites of Jesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

A prayer for a happy and blessed departing out of this life.

MOst gentle God, thou hast set a limite on the life of man, which no one can excéede or goe beyond: for his dayes are determined, and the number of his months are before thée. Thou hast counted all our dayes, which neuer the lesse doe passe away suddenly like a floud of water, as if we our selues did hasten his departure.

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All our yéers are as ſmoak, or like a ſhadow immediately vaniſhing. Man is equalled with the hearbe that preſently dryeth, or as the flower of the field, which forthwith withereth.

Teach vs then (O moſt gracious God) to know and conſider, that wee muſt haue an ending, that our life is limited, and muſt be hence diſlodged. Behold, thou haſt reduced our daies to the meſure of a ſpan, & the date of our life (before thée) is as nothing: it is moſt certaine, that all in mã is but vanitie, let him liue in neuer ſo confident aſſurance.

Teach vs therefore (O Lord) to acknowledge & confeſſe, that death is ordaind for vs, and that our walking here is

is but as on a pilgrimage: for no permanent City is heere appointed for vs.

Let vs truly vnderstand the breuitie & vncertainetie of our life, and often to haue a care of our ending: that during the time of our abode heere in this world, wee may liue, not properly to our selues, but rather liue and die to thée, attending alwayes in faith and ioy, the houre of our departure, and the comming of Iesus Christ thy beloued Sonne in a perfect preparation thereunto, by holy conuersation, and works of pietie.

O our God, grant vs grace to die happily, and when the day of our concluding commeth, to make our ending in vnderstanding, and true confessing

felling of our sinnes: that our apprehension and senses may bee no way wandering, whereby wee shall vtter most vile or blasphemous words against thee and our owne saluation.

Preserue vs from sudden and vnprouided death, as also from eternall damnation, and suffer vs not to bee taken vnprepared: but by true repentance let vs daily bee in a readinesse, according to the instruction of thy holy word.

Assist vs when the houre shall come to be then chearfull and voyd of feare: for we are to suffer but a temporal death, which shall be the gate of enterance into life eternall.

Let vs then with courage say as blessed Simeon did,

Lord now let vs thy poore seruants depart in peace: for our eies haue seene thy saluation, which thou hast prepared for all thy people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, & to to be the glory of Israel thy people.

Let our last words be the very same which thy déere Son our Sauiour spake vpon the Crosse: Father into thy hands we commend our spirits. **And when we shal be able to speak no more in our latest sigh and gaspe, receiue our soules vp to thée in Iesus Christ. So be it.**

For our daily sustenance.

ALmighty God, we thy poore children, that are heere on earth, doe cry to thée

thee our father that art in heauen, that (in thy infinite mercy) thou wouldest giue vs our daily bread, and all things requisit to supply our bodily necessities. Extend thy benediction ouer all our tillage and harueſt increaſe, as alſo vpon all trades, labours, handycrafts and honeſt indeuours: bleſſe the works of our hands, for it is thy bleſſing only that enricheth, and except thou build the houſe, all other that go about it, do but labour in vaine.

Helpe vs, O God, that (in thy name) we may caſt forth the nets of our vocations, and that our labours and indeuours may ſort to good ſucceſſe. Preſerue all voyagers that trauel farre by land or by water, ſeeking their owne ſu-

ſtenance, & bringing vs home neceſſary merchandiſes: keepe them and their meanes from all diſtreſſe and danger.

Bee ayding to all ſuch as deale in buying and ſelling, giue them grace to trade faithfully, with a good conſcience, without fraud and deceit: let euery one deale iuſtly in all good affaires, that God thereby may bleſſe them, to beſtow ſomwhat vpon the poore. We commend to thée in mercy all thy faithfull ſeruants, vſing manuall trades or any other kinde of myſterie: ſtrengthen them in ſoule and body, and preſerue them from falſe and vntruſty ſeruants.

Grant vs grace, to vſe all thy bleſſings with thankeſgiuing, that we ouercharge not our

our selues with vnrighteous Mammon, or with the wretched cares of this fraile life, as infidells and misbeleeuing Pagans are wont to doe.

Giue patience to the poore, in their want and indigence, lest they should murmure against thy will: Let them carry no enuious spleene towards the rich, neyther ante way transgresse thy diuine commandements.

So rule likewise the hearts of rich men, that they may not be high-minded, neyther put any confidence in the vncertainety of their riches: but onely in thee our euerliuing God, that giuest abundantly whatsoeuer wee enioy. Assist them also to doe good with their goodes, make them rich

in good workes, ready in distributing, and communicating to thy Saints: enriching themselues with a good foundation to come hereafter, that so they may bee assured of euerlasting life.

Two things (O our Lord God) wee humbly desire of thee, and neuer to deny them vs during our liues: Vanitie and speaking of lies set far off from vs: giue vs neyther pouerty nor riches, sustaine vs with the bread of our owne earning: Lest being glutted, we deny thee, saying: Who is the Almighty? Or being ouer poore, wee fall to stealing, and so take the name of our God in vaine.

Preserue vs, O Lord, from these extreamities, for Jesus Christs

Christs sake, thy deare Son and our Saviour. So be it.

For those that are in anguish or heauinesse.

OHeauenly Lord and Father, in regard that the diuell our enimy hath sworn neuer to leaue distressed harts without his temptations, and hath made a custome of misusing our necessities, pressing them downe more heauily vpon vs, for his owne vile aduantage: Tormenting vs also with strange and vnusuall thoughts, to make our consciences fearefull, and thereby to get vs into his gulfe of despaire: Most humbly wee beseech thee, (in

mere pity to vs (poore distressed mortalls) for whom Iesus Christ suffered, and did sweate that bloudie sweate, which ranne all ouer his most precious bodie,) to take compassion vpon all such as are anguished or tempted: aswaging (by thy sanctified word and spirit) the grieued consciences of the infirme and afflicted.

Prouide for their necessities according to thy fatherly will: wipe away the teares from their eyes. Glad their soules with thy inward consolation: arme their hearts with confidence and holy hope, that they may neuer be trodden down, either by the greatnes of their afflictions, the subtile inspirations of the enemy, or the infirmi-

firmitie of their owne flesh.

Let them not fall into anie great and spirituall danger of their soules: as into incredulity, contempt, despaire, or into any other grieuous sinne. O most faithfull God, that sufferest none to bee tempted aboue their strength, but with the temptation hast also giuen the issue, in whatsoeuer griefe is to bee endured: wee crie aloud to thee, praying thee to bruise vnder our feet, the malicious head of the old Serpent: Weaken, or bring to nothing, the violence and deuices of the diuel, which daily he worketh against poore Christians: coueting to sift them like vnto corne. Assist weake mankind with the fauour of thy deare Sonne, who was tempted for

vs and for our good, in his owne humane nature.

Ayde vs, O most louing GOD, that in all necessities whatsoeuer, our hearts may receiue cõsolation by the most certaine promises of thy Diuine succour. So that being really and thoroughly prouided of thine assistance by firme and immoueable faith, wee may repulse the violent assaults of Sathan, valiantly surmount them by thy vertue in the blood of thy Lambe, and the word of our witnesse, to wit, by thy Gospell. To the end, that kingdome, power, and glory, may remaine only to thee our God, world without end: So be it.

For

For Widows and Orphans.

GOd and gracious God, thou hast named thy self Father of the fatherlesse, and Iudge of Widowes, promising withall, alwaies to take their cause into thine owne handes, and euer to doe them iustice.

Thou hast also commanded vs in thy word, that wee should not afflict them, neyther doe them any euill: Because already they are too much tormented and despised of the world.

Therefore wee beseech thee, graciously to receiue into thy blessed patronage, all poore Widowes and distressed Orphanes: To prouide them of sustenance, rayment, and what

whatsoeuer els is necessary to defend and maintaine them against their afflicters.

Let them finde grace before all Magistrates, that right may bee done to the fatherlesse, and the widowes cause be kept from oppression. Let their true right be no way wronged, but alwayes deliuered from their enemies, and finde lawfull defence in all equity.

Be so assistant to them, that their Tutors or Guardians may deale iustly for them in their affayres, and euery one doe good vnto them. Preserue vs also (O Lord) that we sinne not against them, or offer them anie shame or disgrace, but rather to extend all amity to them. Considering,

ring, that it is true and vnblemishable Religion, to visit the fatherlesse & widowes in their tribulations, and to keepe our selues vntared of the world.

Giue grace to all widowes, that in all their distresses or temptations, they may euer trust in thee the liuing God, that art their Lord and Father: Let them day and night perseuere in praier, thanksgiuing and all good actions, as is semely for widowes that liue in Gods feare. Let them keepe themselues from wanton allurements, giuing no scandal, or occasion of euill opinion towards them by lewd words, vnfitting behauiour, or other euill examples, which may induce others to sinne.

Helpe likewise all Orphans that

that they may bee brought vp honestly, in thy feare, piety, modesty, and all vertues. Make them obedient to their Tutors, Maisters, and other Superiors: suffering themselues to bee instructed, to increase thereby in all honesty, and to make profitable vse of all good admonitions, faithfull counsell, or fatherly reprehensions, which are done to them onely to preserue them from lewdnesse and dishonour.

In like manner, good Lord, defend al that are maried, and their children: to the end that in thy displeasure (by reason of their sins) neither by the Sword, or otherwise by the ouersudden death of father and mother, they may become either widowes or orphanes.

God

God Lord take pitty vpon vs all, in the passion of thy deare Sonne Jesus Christ, So be it.

Against desperation.

MErciſull God, hauing very often, through too much boldneſſe, broken thy holy commaundements, and hauing contemned, diſpleaſed, and grieuouſly offended thée our Lord and God: Our conſciences are in ſuch ſort charged and wounded, as in extremity of anguiſh wee find ourſelues to bee vtterly deſolate. And yet we know, that (of thy méere mercy) forgiueneſſe of our ſins is promiſed vs in thy ſacred word.

But

But our faith beeing very weake, the wicked spirit is too too ready to rent and teare out of our hearts, all comfort and inward consolation. For this cause therfore, deare Father, wee call vpon thee, humbly intreating thee, neuer to leaue vs in despaire, or destitute of thy heauenly grace: least wee fall, and giue our consent to that grieuous sinne of infidelity and desperation.

Confirme vs so strongly, that euen in the midst of death our hope may bee in thee that art our life. Let vs neuer distrust thy succour and mercy, or say with cursed Cain; Our sinnes are so great, that they cannot be pardoned.

O Christ, Sonne of God, the liuing fountaine of all grace, from

from whom the ſtreames of mercie doe ſpread forth on all ſides: Wee beſeech thee with all our ſoules, to augment in vs that ſettled faith, which wee haue grounded vpon thy holy death and paſſion.

For it is a matter moſt cleere and euident, that one onely droppe of thy pretious bloud ſhed for our ſake, is much more excellent in greatnes of vertue, then all our hainous, foule, and enormous ſins are in pollution.

Looke then (deare Lord) vpon vs with thoſe eyes of mercie which thou didſt caſt backe vpon S. Peter, after with execrations he had denied thee, that wee may not deſpaire with the traitor Iudas, nor ſin againſt the holy Ghoſt.

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O blessed Spirit, the treasure of al swætnes, helpe vs in our latest necessities. When the foule fænd shal accuse vs, our owne consciences declare vs guilty, hel terrors astonish vs, and we shall be enuironed on all sides, with horrible anguishes and temptations of death, the whole world forsaking vs, and all thinges turning against vs: Then, Oh then deare Father comfort vs, and let our trust in thæ neuer be confounded.

Enable our heartes by thy seales and testimonies, that our hope in thæ may not bee doubtfull for the remission of our sinnes. For both to vs, and to all other that depend vpon thy wil and prouidence, they doe remaine in full and sted-

ſtedfaſt promiſe.

Let vs then alſo remember the bond which wee made to thée, when wee receiued the Sacrament of Baptiſme: And to comfort our ſelues euen then, with thy bleſſed promiſe therto annexed, namely, Whoſoeuer beleeueth, and is baptized, ſhall be ſaued. So be it.

A praier for the Euening.

Moſt High and immortall God, thy name be praiſed, thy goodnes & mercy extolled for euer, thy wiſedome and eternall truth alwaies remembred, becauſe this day thou haſt kept vs from all dangerous euils.

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May it please thee to finish the good worke thou hast begun in vs, suffering vs this night to rest in thy safe protection, and vnder the winges of thy al-shielding mercy.

Let our safety be in the shadow of thine armes, then can no harme happen vnto vs. Keepe vs as the apple of thine eie, for thou Lord art our portion and inheritance: our saluation consisteth onely in thy hands.

Assist vs by thy goodnesse, (O Lord) that feare or trembling come not vpon vs, nor the dreads in darke nights do any way annoy vs: but take pitty vpon vs, for our soules wayt onely vpon thee, and gather themselues vnder thy secret couerture.

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Wee sought the Lord in our distresse: wee put forth our handsin the night to find him, and could take no rest: for our soules haue no other comfort, neither know wee any other assistance in Heauen or on Earth, but onely thee O Lord.

When wee awake at midnight, wee remember thy name, because thou art gratious: and then thinking on thy euerlasting goodnesse, wee hold it but right and iustice to praise thee therefore.

Whensoeuer wee are sad, wee call for thy comfort; when our hearts are in heauinesse, wee speake to our Sauiour for succour: for thou hast well our soules out of perdition, and deliuerest them from the snares

snares of death.

Night and day doe wee cry vnto thee our Lord and God, that in pitty it would please thee to pardon all the iniquities, whereby wehaue sinned against thee this whols weke past: as also whatsoeuer wee haue mis-done this day. O God, Father of lights, deliuer our soules from all deadly dangers. Thou art pittifull and iust, made all of mercie, and in that mercy preseruest the simple.

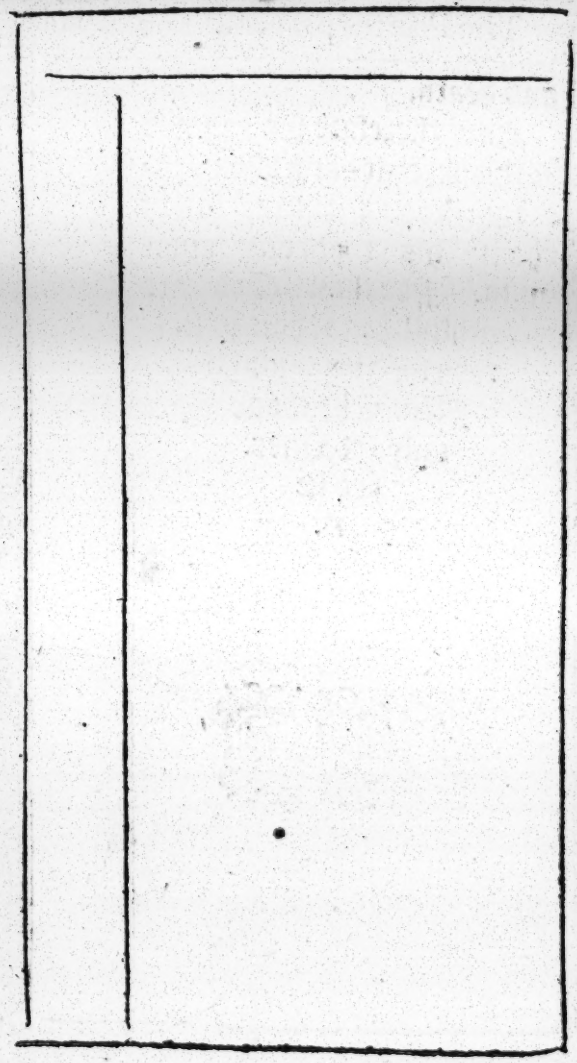
Wee became as wretched caitiffes, yet thou broughtest vs back from straying. Therfore wee will bee ioyfull and praise thy name, walking and on our bed, accounting it as our chiefest consolation, that thou art Lord both of our life and

and death.

Now therefore we commit both our soules and bodies into thy hands: bee carefull of them this night and euermore. For thou God art faithfull, and thou hast redeemed vs through Iesus Christ our only redeemer.

So be it.

The end of the Weeke.



THE. SECOND PART OF THE *Princes Prayers.*

CONTAINING *Diuers Comfortable* Prayers, to bee vſed by & for ſuch particular perſons.

As their ſeuerall directions doe beſt declare themſelues.

A Prayer for our gracious Lord, King *Iames*.

GRacious GOD, and louing Father, who in thy sacred word hast commanded vs to make prayers, intercessions, and supplications for Kings and Rulers vpon earth, and to yeld thée continuall thankes for their peacable, godly, and gratious gouernement. Wée (who haue more especial cause, then any other Nation beside, in regard of thine infinite blessings and mercies, so long

time continued vnto vs) doe giue thee most hearty thanks, for sending thy seruant and our dread Soueraigne King Iames, to rule and raigne ouer vs his owne appointed people.

Furthermore, we pray vnto thee, to blesse him with long life, health, and happinesse, for the aduancement of thy glorious Gospel, the welfare of thy Church, and the endlesse comfort of all his true hearted subiects. Defend him as thou hast done, from all forraine practises, home-bred conspiracies, and all other treacherous intentions whatsoeuer. Let him for euer say with Dauid, The snare is broken, the bloud-thirsty are disappointed: I will therfore reioyce in thy strēgth

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(O my God) for euer and euer.

Be thou alwaies with him (Lord) whereſoeuer he rides or goes: thy holy Angels protect him, and thy louing countenance ſhine vpon him. In his delights and exerciſes, let no euill come neere him, and waking or ſleeping, let no harme befall him.

The King ſhall reioyce in thy ſtrength, (O Lord) exceeding glad ſhall hee bee of thy ſaluation. Thou haſt giuen him his hearts deſire, and not denied him the requeſt of his lippes. Thou ſhalt preuent him with the bleſſings of goodneſſe, and ſhalt ſet a Crowne of pure gold vpon his head. Thou ſhalt giue him euerlaſting felicity, and make

him glad with the ioy of thy countenance. And why, because the King putteth his trust in the Lord, and in the mercy of the most high he shal not miscarry. Bee thou (O Lord) for euer exalted in thine owne strength: so shall wee sing and prayse thy power. So be it.

For our most vertuous Queene Anne.

ALmighty and euerlining God heauenly Father, wee confesse and acknowledge, that euery good and perfect gift descendeth downe from thée, and wee (wretched sinners) cannot bee capable of the very meanest of them, but onely by thy

thy gratious helpe and sufferance.

Wée know that Kinges and Quéenes are seated and established héere vpon earth by thée, to bée nursing Fathers and nursing Mothers to thy Church and people, to propagate thy truth, and to defend their subiects in peace and tranquility.

Therfore most humbly we doe intreat thée to blesse our royall and vertuous Quéene Anne, whom thou hast giuen as a helpe and comfort to our Soueraign Lord King Iames Endue her with all thy giftes of grace, enable her in all good and godly actions: that shée may make the King to reioyce in thy blessings, & our land to bée happy by her royall issue.

Let loue, concord, and sweet agrément continually liue with the King & her. Make her fruitfull like the Vine, and plenteous like the spreading Olive tree: For therein are Kingdomes happy, and the people blessed.

Keepe treason and trechery farre off from the King and her, let their dayes bee spent without grévance and their nights without the lest annoiance. Let safety circle them abroad & at home, and whersoeuer they bee, thy blessed Angels bee alwayes their defenders. Make her a glad mother of many children. In the time of conception be helpfull to her, and till the houre of deliuerance still preserue her. That no harme happen

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to the Infant or her, but that then shee may see the fruit of her trauell with ioy, and the Child to bring comfort both to Father and Mother. Heare vs (O heauenly Father) in these our requestes, for thy dear Sons sake Iesus Christ our Lord & Sauiour. Amen.

For the right royall and towardly yong Prine *Charles*, and the rest of his Maiesties Princely Issue.

O God of Gods, & King of Kings, that dost dispose & order all things vpon earth, according to thy heauenly will & wisedome.

Thou that blessest Kingdomes with godly, religious

and vertuous gouernors, and for the further comfort of them and their people, sendest them such children and issue, as may illustrate thy glory, and maintayne thy truth, euen from one generation to another. Wee laud and magnifie thy gratious goodnes, for bestowing vpon this our land so hopefull a Prince as young Charles is, and such royall seede beside, as the residue of the King and Queenes most royall issue are: Whereby such faire and chearefull comfort is promised, that peace for euer shall dwell within our wals, and plenty flourish in our palaces. Keepe them all (good Lord) as the apple of thine eye, or as the Signet vpon thine owne finger.

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Enrich their young heartes with thy faith, feare and fauour. And as they shal growe in yeares, so let them dayly waxe older and older in goodnes, grace, & all other vertues.

Wee must and doe confesse (O heauenly Father,) that both to the King and Quéene, all them, and vs, thou hast declared thy selfe a great and gratious God, their and our deliuerance was wonderfull beyond mens apprehension or expectation, and so euident a Testimonie of thy might and mercie: that for euer wee are bound (on our knees) to acknowlede it, and to yéeld thée thankes therfore, both wée and our posterity.

O LORD continue this

care ouer them and vs still: bleſſe them from all Traytors and Treaſons: Confound al Diuelliſh deuiſes entended againſt them: and (as of late) ſo let vs alwais ſee the dowꝛnfall and deſtruction of ſuch as ſeeke their harme. Giue the king thy iudgements O God, and thy righteouſneſſe vnto the Kings Sonne. Then ſhal he iudge the people accoꝛding to right, and defend the poꝛe that are oppꝛeſſed.

The mountaines alſo ſhall bꝛing peace, and the little hils righteouſneſſe vnto the people In their time ſhall the righteous flouriſh, and peace ſhal abound ſo long as the Mꝛone endureth. There ſhall bee heapes of coꝛne in the earth high vpon the hils: his fruit ſhall

shall shake like Libanus, and shall be græne in the city, like grasse vpon the earth.

Blessed bee the Lord our God, euen the God of Israel, who onely doth wonderfull things. And blessed be the name of his Maiestie for euer, and all the earth shall be filled with his Maiesty. Amen, Amen.

A prayer for him that is a Preacher or Minister.

MOst mercifull GOD, and louing Father, thou hast called me (thy poore and vnworthy seruant) to the holy Ministery of thy word: ordaining me to be a fisher for men, to catch and con-

conduct many soules to the kingdome of Heauen.

Thou hast separated mée by thy ordinary meanes, to be a preacher of thy gospel to thy people. Wherefore I beséech thée, because I am vnapt and vnable of my selfe, to fit and furnish me with thy graces, to doe the duety of thy new Testament: To the end that I may be a faithfull Minister, and a true dispenser of thy sacred misteries, to execute iustly my charge, not by cõstraint, but voluntarily, not for dishoneſt gaine, but with a chærfull courage, and for the loue of thy holy name.

With wholesome doctrine, and faithfulneſſe in duety, let mée fæde thy poore flocke committed to my care: to strengthẽ the

the dismayed: to giue physicke to diseased consciences: to binde vp the griefes of such as are wounded: to bring backe those that haue straied, to seeke them that are lost: and to recouer by the spirit of milones, those that are taken in anie transgression. Send mee thy sanctifying Spirite, which is able to giue me vtterance and wisedome for distinct deliuerance of thy Word: That it may worke powerfully by me thy poore instrument, and a bountifull increase to arise by my labours.

O good God, thou hast made mee a Watch-man ouer thy people, help me then I entreat thee, that I may admonish the wicked, and instruct the transgressors of thy holy wayes, so that

that sinners may bee conuerted thæ, and many wonne to eternall life.

Giue me grace also to liue conformably to thy blessed word, that I may be an example to my flocke, not preaching saluation to others, and damnation to my selfe. Let me giue no occasion to aduersaries to blaspheme thy sacred name by anie conuersation vnbeseeming a Christian, or any way to render them matter of scandall.

But graunt both to mee and all my Auditors thy holie spirite: to the end that wee increasing in thy feare, true faith and charity, may continue to our liues end, firme in constant hope, which alwayes ought to be accompanied with vnfai-

vnfained repentance.

So shall wee receiue together, the precious and vnualuable crowne of glory, when the Prince of Pastors, Iesus Christ our Sauiour shall appeare in maiesty: who liueth and raigneth with thee in vnitie of the blessed Spirit, world without end. So be it.

A Prayer for him that is a hearer of Gods word.

ETernall GOD and heauenly Father, I pray vnto thee for my Pastor and Teacher, that thou wilt grant him grace to preach thy word with courage, cheerefully and zealously against all errors, false doctrine, and abusiue instruction,

ſtructiõ, ſo that he may let mée and others truely know the myſteries of thy holy Goſpel, and drwe vp all euill opinions out of our hearts.

Preſerue him in the puritie of doctrine, and chriſtian conuerſation, that hée may ſhew vs the way to eternall life.

Maintaine him in health, that he may long time inſtruct with faithfull encreaſe. Let him deliuer thy holy Worde without any doubting, feare, hypocriſie, and without ſelfe-pleaſing affection, hatred, malice, or grædie deſire after particular profit. Let him preach the truth purely, and reproue ſinnes as becommeth him: ſo that I and many others may thereby be wonne to thy euerduring kingdome.

Open

Open mine heart and eares, that I may take pleasure in hearing thy heauenlie Word with deuotion, attention, and cordiall affection: so to liue holily thereafter, according as I ought, and to bring forth fruits to thy diuine glorie.

Graunt me grace, that thy holy word may neuer be deliuered to me in vaine: but that it may worke thine owne will in me, and accomplish the issue which thou sendest it for.

Cleanse my heart from all negligence, slouthfulnesse and contempt. Make my spirites haue a holie hunger, and a quenchlesse desire to the most ample riches of thy graces, as they are proposed in the pure preaching of thy word.

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Let mee haue a reuerend acknowledgement of my Pastor, and esteeme him as thy Minister, and dispenser of thy sacred mysteries: receiuing thy Word from foorth of his mouth, euen as it were deliuered out of thine owne, shewing my selfe no way to misprise thy holy Ministery, albeit thou hast conferred it vpon weake fraile men.

Let mee neuer esteeme thy Word the worse, for the imperfections or debility in such as deliuer it: but grant mee such assistance, that I may heare and embrace it willingly, thankefully accepting all reprehensions, or fatherly corrections and admonitions which my Pastor shall thinke fittest for me.

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Let mee take all in good part, desisting from sinne, and pursuing a new conformitie: For such corrections are most conuenient for me, and those kinde reproofes are swæter then kisses.

Keepe vs all in true faith, and Christian life, that beleæuing firmely, and growing strong dayly, wee may hold on constantly to our ending: and obtaine saluation euerlastingly in thy dære Sonne Iesus Christ our Sauiour. So be it.

A Prayer for him that is a Magistrate, or placed in any degree of authority.

MOst high God, Lord of heauen and earth, thou hast

hast called me to the charge of a Magistrate, and hast giuen me power ouer such people, as by thée I am appoynted to gouerne. I beséech thée to giue mee also a wise and an vnderstanding heart, to the end I may iudge thy people, to discerne betweene good and euill, and pursue that which is right, without any feare or exception of persons.

Giue mee counsell and strength, to doe what thou wouldest haue me, profitable for them vnder mee, and alwayes tending to publique peace.

Grant me grace to consider, that from thy hand (O most high GOD) I receiued the authority which I haue, and that the iudgement which I exer-

exercise, is not from men, but of thee onely. Yea, thou art seated in iudgement with me, to ouersee whatsoeuer I doe, and one day thou wilt make a strict inquiry, and looke into euerie action of mine. In regard that I am but an vnder Officer of thy kingdome, and can not long liue or continue in so weighty a charge: for ordinarily it comes to passe, to day a King, to morrow dead.

Now because it is ordained, that more narrow and seuere iudgement will be had of vs that are aboue others, and doe not execute our authority directly, or gouerne our selues according to thy will, O God. In regard also, that the mighty shal be rigorously punished, because

because thou (being Lord ouer all) makest spare of no person, neyther dreadest the power of any one (considering thou madest both great and small, and hast an equall care of all:)

Help me (O most merciful and eternall God) I beseech thée, that I may neuer grow proud or presumptuous, but suffer my selfe to bee taught and corrected by thy Word.

That I may truely doe my duty, and not be transported or led away, eyther in doing, or suffering shame, and outrage to bee done to any one. And that I may neuer cõsent to iniquity, neyther decline or turne out of the right way.

I am thy seruant, sonne of thy seruant, a weake man, of slender continuance, and very vn-

vnskilful in the knowledge of thy right and lawes.

Therefore, send downe wisedome from thy heauenly throne, that she may be with mee and ayde mee: that shee may instruct mee in those things which are acceptable in thy sight, to conduct me discretly in all my doings, and keepe mee euer in awe of thy Maiesty: that all my actions may be pleasing to thee, in Jesus Christ my Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

A prayer for a Subiect.

MOst mercifull God, who hast established all Rulers and Magistrates, hauing confirmed them also by thy sacred Word; I pray

vnto thée for that body politike, vnder whose protection and gouernement thou hast appointed me to liue. May it please thee, to preserue the chiefe head and maine pillar thereof, cõstant in true knowledge of christian faith. Blesse him with long life, peaceable gouernement, and all other graces or prosperities of bodie and soule: to the end, that vnder his rule wee may leade a tranquill and peacefull life, in all godlinesse and honestie, for the glorie of thy blessed name. Grant, good God, to our Magistrate, wisedome and knowledge, to doe what thou likest, and leaue what thou hatest: to bee alwayes ready in those thinges that bring the benefite of peace, and are profitable for encrea-

encreasing our generall good.

Maintain him in the charge thou hast committed to him, let thy grace defend him against all his enemies: that eyther openly doe endeuour, or priuately practise to take away his life, or seeke to trouble the State by treasons and treacheries.

Helpe him, good Lord, patiently to endure all trauailes or afflictions that may happē to him in so great a charge: and be as gracious to his children or heires, blessing them with long life, firme faith and feare of thee.

Graunt vnto mee, and all such as are subiects, as I am, obedient heartes, dutifully to acknowledge our magistrate, and such officers as hee sen-

deth: especially they that hold place in this estate, according to thine ordinance: Let vs honour them, respect them, obey them in all humility, and kéep our selues from offending or rising against them.

For they that resist the magistrate, doe resist thy Ordinance, and purchase condemnation against themselues.

Giue mee grace likewise to render to my superiours, and such as haue power ouer me, whatsoeuer is my duetie to yéelde them with a voluntary heart, & frée from any falshood. For it said vnto vs: Giue vnto al men, that which ye owe them, tribute to whom tribute belongeth, &c.

Preserue vs from mutinies, conuert such as are rebellious.

bellious. Bee assistant to vs, that we may render to thée our good God, obedience aboue all other, and next thée, to our ruler and magistrate: that departing out of this mortal life, wee may come together into thy kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for him that is a Husband.

ALmighty and most mercifull God, thou hast instituted holy Marriage, and honoured it with the first Miracle of Iesus Christ thy deare Sonne: approuing it an estate most acceptable to thée, and wherein many Patriarkes and Prophets liued holily, and to thy good liking.

Thou hast likewise called me to this condition, and dost take delight in three things, namely, when brethren liue in vnity together, when neighbours loue equally: and when man & wife agree in the bond of Concord. I beseech thee then (from the bottome of my heart) to grant me grace, that I may liue with my Wife in loue and christian concord, behauing my selfe discreetely towards her, as being the weaker vessell. But yet in such sort to respect her, as being fellow heire with me to life eternall. Graunt that I may instruct her, with our children and family, in thy holy knowledge and feare, with all honestie and modestie: And so assist her, that she may be obedient

ent to mee in all things, tending to goodnes and godlines.

Kæpe farre off from vs the enemy to marriage, that hæ raise not troubles or dissensions betweene vs. But if (through infirmity) we fall at any time into some houshold quarrell: helpe vs good God wee beseech thee, to be soone reconciled againe in thy feare, that our prayers may not bee hindred, or wee give scandall to any other. Gouerne so my heart, that I may beare no especiall affection to any, but my wife onely, or looke vpon a woman with a lustfull eye: but kæpe mee euer truely to mine owne. Preserue me, my Wife, Children and Family, from hurtfull sickenesses and diseases, according to thine

owne good pleasure.

And graunt vnto mee thy seruant, that I may carefully follow the works of my vocation: to eate my bread in the sweate of my browes, and neuer to be idle: because I was borne to work and labour, according to thine appointment.

Extend thy benediction ouer all my good meanes, that they may grow great and encrease, without wrong or preiudice to others. Let me haue such men-seruants, maide-seruants, and other workemen, as are true and faithfull: both to keepe my house, and whatsoeuer else thou hast here lent me, from pilfery, robbery, and all other inconueniences. Helpe vs patiently to vndergoe the burden of all crosses,

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and gather vs together (after this life) in the heuenly kingdome, with all those that haue here liued in honourable marriage. So be it.

A Prayer for her that is a Wife.

My God & faithfull Father, seeing thou hast bestowed so great grace vpon me, as to call me to the sanctified estate of marriage, wherein I may serue and bee acceptable to thée: be further yet gracious to mée thy poore seruant, that I may haue the feare of thy holy Name continually before mine eyes: that I may loue thee, and (aboue all things) trust in thee my Creator and Redéemer.

Let mee bee constant in thy faith, dilection, sanctification, and feare, and (next vnto thee) that I may respect, honour, & loue my husband, without bearing affection to any other.

Assist me good God, that following thy holy ordinance, my will may bee subiected to my husbands, to obey him in all vprightnesse: And that the inward part of my heart may be adorned with a sweete and peacefull spirite, and all other holy vertues beside: Answerable to those holy women heeretofore, who were wiues to the blessed Patriarkes: going decently apparrelled, trusting in God, and alwaies being subiect to their owne husbands.

Grant vnto me thy seruant

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a chaſte and honeſt conuerſation with true feare and humilitie, to the end, that in all pietie (with gentle and affable words) I may appeaſe my huſbands diſpleaſure, and appeare before him in all pleaſing manner.

Let mee bring vp and inſtruct my children, with the reſt of my family, for the glorie of thy name: and let their hearts bee willingly obedient to mee, in whatſoeuer is good, and I to prooue ſtill a faithfull helper to my Huſband, in the ordering of our houſhold, and diſpenſation of thoſe bleſſings, which by thy grace thou haſt beſtowed vpon vs: So gouerne me, O Lord, that nothing may bee loſt, through my negligence: but

but that I may be honestly sparing, helping my Husband to labour, doing all things seemly for my vocation, that I may the better haue meanes, to respect others necessities, and open my handes wide to them that be poore.

Preserue vs from vnfaithfull followers, men-seruants, or maid-seruants, who easily may waste and lessen our best means.

Giue me grace also, equally to indure all aduersities incident to mariage, not ouergreeuously to bee smitten downe, when tribulations come vpon vs: neither too prowdly exalted, when prosperitie shineth. Considering, that by aduersities and temptations, our faith is best proued, and our patience

patience exercised. O Lord my God, I commend my selfe, my husband, my Children, and all my people into thy powerfull hands: Desiring thee to keepe vs from sin, shame, and all other inconueniences, for the loue of Iesus Christ our Sauiour. So be it.

A Prayer for a Child, Son, or daughter.

GRatious God, and heauenly Father, thou hast enioyned children, alwayes to honour their Fathers and Mothers, and takest delight (for thy deare Sonnes sake Iesus Christ) in the seruice and obedience they render vnto them, hauing promised to recompence this iust duty, with long life and other benedictions

dictions beside.

Therefore from the lowest depth of my hart, I most humbly intreat thee, to be so louingly gratious vnto mee, as to blesse with long life my father and mother, and them whom thou shalt thinke meet to succeed in their places: euermore defending them from all dangerous diseases & all other afflictions, casualties or damages. Giue me likewise an vnderstanding & willing heart, to obey them in all dutiful humility, and also al other who (by their appointment) shall haue authority to commaund mee. Let mee honour them with works, words, and patience, that their blessing (beg'd of thee) may come vpon me. Prouide so for me, good Lord, that

that I may be able to compas some honest meanes, whereby to succour my Father in his aged yeares, and neuer to greeue him al the daies of his life. Let me beare with his infirmities, and neuer despise him, though hee fall into childhood againe, and I bee better able in giftes or knowledge then he.

Let me likewise neuer make sad my deare Mothers heart, that bare me with great paine & griefe so long in her wombe, and suffered much more care in bringing me vp. Let me neuer forsake either of them any one day of my life, least their bitter curse doe fall vpon mee.

Moreouer I beseech thee (O good God) that if heretofore I haue bene disobedient, or rebellious against my Father

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and mother: it would please thée to pardon me in thy great mercy.

Impute not the sins and iniquities of my yonger dayes vnto me, neither bee mindfull of my ignorances and ruborn transgressions: But grant me grace to acknowledge my folly, repenting whatsoeuer I haue displeased them in. Conuerting now to thée by true faith and an inward penitent heart: as hauing wary regard to that example, which our sauior Iesus gaue to al children who in his youth was subiect to his mother and Ioseph. Euen so let mee alwayes bee found in Christian obedience.

Mercifull God preserue me from the euil company of wicked people, that I may neuer be

be seene among them. But if they seeke to intice or allure, draw, or forcibly compell me, that yet the feare of thee may keepe backe my feet, and I not walke with them the way of perdition. As thou encreasest my yeeres, so (good God) blesse me with increase of wisedome and grace towards thee, and the loue of all good men, for thy deare Sons sake Iesus Christ my Sauiour. So be it

A Prayer for a man or maid seruant.

MErciful GOD, thou hast redeemed mee, by the passion and death of thy dearely beloued sonne from eternall seruitude, the dominion of sin, the power of darke-

darkneſſe, and the moſt cruell tyranny of the Diuell, crowning thy ſelfe as Lord & maiſter, with victory ouer death and hell. I beſeech thee to be ſo gratious to mee, as not to forſake mee in this condition of bodily ſeruice whereto thou haſt appointed mee a while heere vpon earth.

Let me not murmure (throw impatience) againſt thine ordinance, nor caſt an enuious eye at place of higher reckoning, wherin (by thy will) others are conſtituted. But let me willingly (and with a good hart) ſubmit my ſelfe to thine appointment: as being perſwaded that my ſeruice is not done to men, but to thee my God who art in Heauen.

Eternall and Soueraigne

Lord

Lord of heauen and earth, bee helpefull to mee, that I may serue, obey, feare, and loue thee aboue all other thinges in this world, reposing the whole hope of my saluation in thee.

Let mee also be obedient (in all things that are not against thine ordinance) to my Master and Mistresse: not onlie when they bee kind and gentle, but likewise when passion makes them fierce & angry. Rendring them my seruice in dutifull feare and true simplicity of heart, as to my Lord and Master Christ: Not with any eye-seruice, as desirous to please men, but with a faithful heart in regard of thine ordinance and commandement.

Grant me grace to be true and

and loyall in whatsoeuer is commaunded me, that I waste not or destroy any thing, and that no losse or damage happen by my improuidence.

Let mee neuer bee desirous of other mens goods, beeing but giuen mee in charge, and not (by me) to bee impayred, or iniured dishonestly.

Preserue mee in health, and all the parts of my body, giue me also wisedome and vnderstanding to doe the busines of my Maister or mistresse as I ought, and to increase their meanes by thine ayde and furtherance. So that they (being blessed by my diligence multiplied, and no way diminished) may also haue comfort of my honest endeauours. And that whatsoeuer I take in hand or

execute, may redound to the glory of thy blessed name, and make an holy exercising of my faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who liueth with thee in the vnity of Spirit world without end. So be it.

A Prayer for a young Man or a young Maide.

LOrd God almighty, who art pure in Essence, eternally chaste, without spot or blemish, and takest delight in cleane hearts & sanctified conuersation: I humbly beseech thee to create in mee a pure heart, and a setled spirit of assurance: to the end, that I may serue thee in true faith and feare, and loue thee with all

all my heart and strength.

Preserue me from all wicked desires, and from all immodest or vnchast behauiour. Let me meddle with no vaine commixtions, or bee couetous after strange beauty and complexion: neither let mee bee licentious in affecting carnall pleasures which make way to sin, and nourish vncleannes.

Stifle all inordinate desires in my heart, and quench in me the flames of fleshly concupiscence: that I may allwayes turne mine eies from corrupt enticings, and gaze vpon no face to be lustfully kindled.

When thou sufferest mee to walke abroad, let mee mæt with no euill disposed company, that giue themselues to impudency and blushlesse behauiour:

hauiour: Neither let me then fall by surfeting and drunkennes, wherein is no meane of dissolution.

Stoppe mine eares against vaine wordes, vile proffers, and vncivill communication, which better doth beseeme the Heathen, then to bee vsed in Christian assemblies.

Keepe mee from pride, ryoting, negligence and slothfulnes, which are the trappes & snares of Sathan. Guard mee from those places, persons and all occasions that may moue and sollicite mee to vnshamefastnes: least by such wicked conuersation I make the members of Christ no better than an harlots.

Assist me then, that I may render thee seruice in true faith spot-

with an vndefiled soule, and a spotlesse body, like as chast Ioseph did in Egypt. At what time (in thy good pleasure) thou shalt like to call mee to the blessed estate of mariage: then let thy grace so guide me, that I may enter the same in thy feare: Not for vaine affection or immodest curiositie, but according to thy sanctified ordinance, and for the loue of children to magnifie here below thine euerliuing name.

Grant mée a good and honest yoak-fellow, with whom I may liue happily in peace & concord: For thou knowest the hearts and vnderstandest the thoughts, properties, and conditions of al humane creatures. Houses and riches, they do commonly come from the

the inheritance of Parents: but a wise husband or wife do come from thee O Lord, it is a gift which thou bestowest vpon none, but them that feare thée. For this cause therfore I cry vnto thée, beseeching thée in mercy to kéepe me frō the wicked, riotous, and such as are addicted to sin: for Iesus Christs sake my Lord and Sauiour. So be it.

A prayer for a woman great with Child.

ALmighty and most mercifull GOD, creator of heauen and earth, it was thy will (by reason of sin) that I and all other women shold bring forth children with pain and trauaile, and in that kind

to encreaſe the world.

Now, albeit this thy will is irrepꝛehenſible, good and holy, in regard that whatſoeuer thou didſt make or ordaine, is moſt good: yet I humbly beſeech thee (poꝛe wꝛetched creature as I am) to be ſo gratious vnto me, that I may retaine my faith firme and conſtantly, which is grounded vpon thy great mercy, in Jeſus Chꝛiſt my Sauiour, that ſo neuer diſtruſting in thy grace, thy right hand alwaies may be my helper.

Aſſiſt me with patience to ſuppoꝛt all mine anguiſhes & in the nædfull time, benignly deliuer me of the burdē wherwith I am laden. Let me ſee (with ioy afterguiefe) the fruit which thou haſt created in my

womb:

womb: thereby to conuert my mones into mirth. But in the meane space, preserue both mee and mine infant, from al euill and inconueniences.

Turne away my eies, that I may neuer see any deformed shape, and that (throw ouer great or violent imagination, my selfe prooue not the cause that my fruit shall bee imperfect or mishapen.

Order my behauiour, that (by neglect in slipping or falling) I receiue no hurt any way, neither let me (throw extreame choller or otherwise) bring any prejudice to the poor infant in my belly, or disastrous chance any way to annoy it. Let mee haue a care, how I goe or walke abroade. And when the houre of deliue-

rance commeth, be thou then strongest of all for me. That I may lie downe in ioy without any feare, and calling truly vpon thy name, I may comfort my selfe in thy holy promises of assistance, bringing into the world a liuing humane creature, wel formed and fashioned after thy owne Image.

Grant the child such grace that it may receiue blessed Baptisme, to the end that being regenerated by water and the holy Ghost, for life euerlasting, it may also be an heire of thy heauenly kingdom, seruing thée in true knowledge and sanctified conuersation.

O Lord God, most gratious father, preserue me from all vntimely & abortiue child-

birth

birth. Thou art my God and faithful Saviour, in all neceſſities whatſoeuer, my hope and life is onely in thée, and though thou ſholdeſt kill me, yet will I truſt in thée.

Therefore I commit my ſelfe wholy to thy will, which is euermore the beſt for mee: Entreating thée to haue care of mee, and the fruit of my wombe, for loue of the moſt bitter paſſion, and innocent bloudſheading of Chriſt my Redéemer. So be it.

A Prayer for a man or woman, being in the eſtate of Widow-hood.

TRue, faithfull and eternall God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, by whoſe will it is, that I ſhould fall in-

to the miserable estate of widdowhood, in taking my deare yoak-fellow from me by death. I cry vnto thée in this mine affliction, humbly intreating thée, that thou wouldest take compassion vpon me, and (in thy great goodnes) pardon all the sinnes which I haue committed against thée. Confirme my faith by thy blessed spirit, that it may neuer be weakned for thou art my eternall Sauiour and comfort.

Turne thy louing countenance, and be mercifull to me, because I am alone and afflicted, which am to be holpen by none but by thée.

Send me maintenance, as thou didst prouide for the widdow of Sarepta, to whom thou didst send the Prophet Elias, and

and miraculously gauest her nourishment in the time of famine.

Haue care of me, and be my comforter, vnderstand my need and deliuer me in aduersity. Let me find grace among all Magistrates, that they knowing & iudging of my affaires rightly, may defend me from all iniury and violence.

Raise mee vp such friendes and benefactors, as either in charity or fidelity, may take my cause into their hands, and assist me thoroughly with counsell in my necessities.

Preserue mee from lying tongues, which are sharpened like a Rasor, or resemble an arrowe let lose with great strength. Deliuer mee from the calamities and wicked

ſpæches, of ſuch as giue themſelues to vanity: who deliuer lewd words as out of a bow, hauing taught or accuſtomed their tongues to detracting.

I deſire of thée alſo (O my Lord God) that I may carry my ſelfe well and holily in my widowhood, kéeping a chaſt conuerſation, & yéelding good examples to others.

In all aduerſities, let my truſt bee onely in thée my Sauiour without any impatient behauiour, incredulity, or weaknes of courage in my afflictions: but rather ſtrengthned in faith, praying euer to thée both night and day. As the eies of the handmaid waiteth on ỹ hand of her miſtres: ſo doe mine eies attend vpon thée the eternall God, vntill thou

thou ſhalt take pitty vpon me. Therefore (O Lord) take pity on me: For I haue my fill of contempt. My ſoule is ouerglutted with mocks & ſcornes which proud men, (wallowing on their beds of eaſe) doe daily throw at me. Heare then my requeſtes, for thy deare Sonnes ſake Jeſus Chriſt. So be it.

A Prayer for a Trauailer by Sea, or Land.

ALmighty GOD in thy name will I trauell vpon the way, beginning the voyage which I haue vndertaken, with inuocating thy great mercy. For thou art our God, that lookeſt vnto the beginning & ending, thou guideſt our fact that we ſhold not fall.

Leade me then on the way in thine owne ordinances, and preserue me from all false opinions.

May it please thée, to accompany mee with thy holy Angels, giuing them charge and commandement, to kéepe me whersoeuer I go: conducting mee by good waies to mine intended place of trauel, and then to bring me back safe and sound, to mine own dwelling, louers and friends.

Deale with me as thou didst with young Tobias, who was guided by thy Angel Raphael to Rages in Medea, and afterward safely returned home againe.

O Lord my God, so order my footsteps, that I neither slippe, slide, or hurt my selfe by

by falling. Let me not wander out of my way, and so be endangered by waters, woods, théeues, or any lewd company: kéepe wild beasts far off from me, and al other molestations of body or soule.

Let mee méet with honest people, that may kindly entertaine, lodge, and exercise the works of mercy towards me. Yea, so assist me, that I may well and happily accomplish my affaires, & afterward (in peace and safety) return home to my house.

Be néere vnto me in al my forth-goings and backe returnings, euen as thou wast with the holy Patriarke Iacob, when hee iourned into Mesopotamia: And as thou spakest to him, when he went into

into Egypt, saying I wil descend with thee, & also cause thee to bee brought backe againe,

Or as thou diddest accompany the Children of Israel thorow the red Sea, and likewise all along the inhabitable comfortlesse desert: walking before them all day in the pillar of the cloud, and in a fiery pillar by night, to direct them their way. May it please thee (in like manner) to bee with me, walking before mee in all this iourney: accompanying and defending me from losing my way, from meeting with any euill accident, and from all other dangers whatsoeuer.

Prouide all necessary occasions for mee, and neuer doe thou abandon or forsake mee, but

but alwaies bee my god thep-
heard and conducter.

I recommend my body and
soule into thy hands, my wife,
children, house and houshold-
familie, and al that else apper-
taineth to me. Be gratious to
me that I may returne safely,
to find all mine in healty, and
my goods in security. So beit

A prayer for any one that is grieuously anguished or afflicted.

LOrd, rebuke mee not in thine in-
dignation, neither punish me in
thy heauy displeasure.

For thine arrows are fixed
fast in mee, and thine hand
presseth me downe.

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There is no health at all in my body by reason of thy threatnings, neither is there any rest in my bones, in regard of my sinnes. My heart trembleth, my strength forsaketh me, and my sight faileth me for very trouble.

Afflictions (without cause) haue round engirt mee, my sinnes haue ensnared me, exceeding in number the haires of my head.

The chaines of death haue bound me fast and the paines of hell inclosed me about. Behold, mine owne conscience witnesseth against me, I feele nothing else but the sorrowes of death: nor can I take any rest in fearefull consideration of hell torments. I am as in deepe waters, where I feele no bot-

tome, or as ſticking faſt in the mudde, and no way able to get out.

My ſoule is ouercharged with miſeries, and my life drawes neere to hell gates. I am accounted as one of thoſe that goe downe into the pit: My heart is anguiſhed within my body, and the feare of death is falne vpon mee.

O Lord God deliuer mee, haſt thee to helpe mee. Plucke backe my ſoule from the torments of hell, pardon me all ſins, and thoſe grieuous iniquities which I haue committed againſt thee: For Sathan makes great mountaines of them, to the end that I may gaine no ſight of thy grace.

Suffer me (at leaſt) to haue ſome vnderſtanding of thy mercy,

mercy, and leaue me not vnprouided of thy fatherly fauor. Comfort mee againe, O my God, that my heart may bee appeased and quieted, for thou art much greater then my heart. And although it doe accuse mee, yet by the blessed tidings of thy Euangelical doctrine, thou canst assuredly comfort and strengthen mee. Albeit my sinnes are without measure, and as red as blood: yet art thou far more mighty, and hast the meanes to make them as white as snow.

Rest thy selfe then, O my soule, wherefore art thou astonished, and so troubled within me? Await on the Lord thy God and helper, he will draw thee out of anguish, and lodge thee in a more spacious place.

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Hee will bestow all goodnesse vpon thée, because in him alone grace, succour and deliuerance aboundeth.

Hee takes no delight in the death of a sinner, but rather that hee should conuert & liue. Hée hath redéemed thée from all thy sins, and will préserue thée from euery euill: in Iesus Christ his déere Son, and thy Sauiour. So be it.

A Prayer to bee vsed when it Lightens, Thunders, or in any other dangerous tempests.

ALmighty God, it behoueth that all those that hold any authority vpon earth should glorifie thée and reuerently prostrate themselues dayly before thée.

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For thou being eternal and mounted vpon the throne of thy Holinesse, dost shew thy might and power in al places. The voice of the Lord soundeth like vnto great waters, the God of glory maketh it to Thunder. The voice of the Eternall is strong & magnificent, the earth is shaken and trembleth, and the foundations of the mountaines are remoued. Smoake commeth forth of his nostrils, and a deuouring fire out of his mouth, euen as when it lightens and thunders. Thy tabernacle is round enuironed with darkenes, & clouds which are both thicke and blacke: Wherein thou hidest thy selfe, treading all obscurity vnderneath thy feet, and from the bryngtnesse

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which is before thée, ỹ clouds are scattered and dispearsed.

Great God, thou thundrest in heauen, and makest thy voice to be heard on earth: thou driuest the winds out of their secret caues, and makest them returne into their places, after they haue executed thy commaund. All things are subiect to thée, they acknowledge thée for their Creator, and they trembie before thy most high Maiesty.

The loftiest mountaines and the verie lowest deps are amazed when thou warest to bée displeased: the Sea and all other waters fye before thine anger.

The voice of the Eternall shiners the flames of fier in sunder, he makes the Deserts trem-

tremble, and the Lord is King for euer. He wil giue strength vnto his people, and (with peace) extend his blessings vpon them.

Gratious God, preserue vs from thy insupportable anger, pardon vs our sinnes, let thine amiable countenance shine vpon vs, and alwaies be nére vnto vs. Spare vs good Lord, that this grieuous, sudden and terrible tempest may passe away, without doing any dammage. Kéep our bodies our houses and all our goods, from lightening, fiering or any such like destruction.

Preserue the fruites of the earth, that they may not bee spoiled by frostes, stormes, floods of water, or any other inconueniences: And blesse vs

vs all from euill, ſudden and vnprepared death. O GOD the Father, who didſt cauſe thy deere Sonne to ſuffer the torments of the Croſſe for me, bee my defender.

Jeſus King of the Jewes, that diedſt a moſt bitter death for me: bee my Protector.

Holy Ghoſt, which art the Spirit of adoption, and renderſt teſtimony to my ſpirite, that I am the child of God: be euer my keeper, that no harme or miſchance happen vnto me. Amen.

A Prayer to bee vſed in the time of peſtilence or any other mortality.

EVerliuing God, wee humbly confeſſe, that by our ſins wee haue ſo often offended

ded against thee, iustly deseruing al kinds of punishments whatsoeuer. For alasse wee haue altogether gone astray, and are become vtterly vnprofitable: in that neither our fathers, or wee haue kept thy commandements, lawes, and statutes, but with most contrite and repentant hearts, we doe now intreat thy great mercy, in fauour of IESVS Christ thy deer Son: and not to deale with vs as our sins doe deserue, but (according to thy long forbearance & compassion) to take pitty vpon vs.

Come a little neerer Lord, and (in thy fatherly affection) withdraw from vs this horrible plague of pestilence, and let vs not die of this dreadfull death. Take vs not away in

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thine anger, neither assemble our soules among sinners, or our liues with the wicked, but let thy fury and indignation cease and be appeased. What, wilt thou bee angry with vs for euer? And shall thy rage passe so violently against vs altogether? Wilt thou not restore vs againe, that thy people once more may reioyce in thee? Lord shew vs thy fauour & wonted assistance, remember thy old louing kindnes and mercy: euen for thine owne names sake bee mindfull of it.

O good God, thou art iust, and all thy iudgements are vnreproueable: For we haue sinned and prouoked thy iust displeasure against vs, so that (euen in mere right) this hea-

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ny rod is come vpon vs.

But pardon the transgressions of thy people, and take away from vs this sudden contagion. In regard of the most grieuous passion of Iesus Christ, preserue vs from all euill, sudden death and euerlasting damnation. But if it be thy blessed will, by this plague to chastise vs yet more for our iniquities: giue vs grace and strength, patiently to endure thy fatherly hand, and no way to despaire by reason of thy punishment. For when we are iudged, wee are then taught by thee O Lord, to the end we should not bee condemned with the world. And much better is it for vs to bee temporally corrected, then eternally in the other life

life to come. Wilt rather desire thee (most louing father) to fall into thy hands, then the handes of men, because thy grace and mercy is great. Let vs therefore continually hold firme faith in Iesus Christ, who is the euerlasting propitiation, and most perfect sacrifice for all our sins. So be it.

A Prayer against the Turke, or other persecutors.

ALmighty God, King of Kings, Lord of heauen and earth, we acknowledg, that we and our fathers haue committed multitudes of sinnes against thee. We haue stopped the mouth of iniquity, & showne our selues so wicked, that (hauing prouoked thee to wrath) we haue

not onely merited temporall, but also eternal punishments.

But yet wee beseech thee with penitent hearts, that (in grace) it would please thee, and for thy deare sonnes sake, to pardon all our sinnes, and defend vs against the horride tyranny and mighty power of the Turke.

Thou seest Lord, how far he is entered vpon thine inheritance, hoping to defile thy Church, and reduce whole Cities & Townes into heapes of stones. The bodies of thy seruants, hath he giuen to bee fed on by the foules of the heauen: and the flesh of thy saints to the beasts of the field. He hath powred out the bloud of Christians like water, not suffering any one to bury their bodies.

bodies. Permit not vs (Lord) in like maner to be a by-word, mockery, and contempt to our neighbours.

How long (O Lord) wilt thou bee offended? shall thine anger consume like a quenchlesse fire? Remember not our precedent iniquities, but hastily take compassion vpon vs, for we are become but few and poore.

O God of our saluation assist vs, reuenge vs, & discharge vs of our sins, euen for the loue of thy glorious name. Why dost thou suffer Pagans to say, Where is now their God? Let vengeance for the bloud of thy seruants (which hath bēn so lauishly shed by them) bee manifested vpon them in our presence.

Let the sighinges of poore Christian prisoners, come vp before thée, and by thy great power preserue them that are markt out for death. Let Turks lose their courage, as hauing neither heart nor hardinesse, and shrinke vp the sinnewes in their armes.

Defend thou vs, O great God of battels, shew vs thy succour: to the end, that there may be matter of reioycing by the well doing of thy people, and wee with thy whole heritage, to glorifie thée. Be alwaies at hand with vs, for thy names sake, because there is no other that can fight for vs, but onely thou O God.

Lift vp thy strong arme against those strangers, to the end, that they may know what

what we know, namely, that there is no other God beside thee. So be it.

A generall Confession of sins, with praier to obtaine pardon for them.

I Alt God and mercifull Father, I confesse that not only I was conceiued and borne in sin: but that all the whole time of my life (euen from my infancy to this present) I haue (alas) committed many and most great iniquities.

For I haue not (O God) neither loued, feared nor obeied thee, as I ought to haue done: nor haue I put my trust in thee, with all my hart, with all my soule, with all my strength, and with all my vnderstanding faculties.

I haue not called vpon thy name neither glorified thy sacred Maiesty: but rather haue abused it, by cursing, swearing, lying, and euill speaking. I haue often neglected the Preaching of thy holy word: Or when I haue bene attentiue thereto, my amendment of life hath bene little bettered thereby.

I haue bene disobedient to my Father, Mother and Superiours: Nor haue I loued my neighbour as my selfe, but rather haue hated, despised, and done him much damage.

I haue shewen my selfe vnshamefaced in words & deeds, and in my practise or vocation I haue addicted my selfe to sundry deceipts & subtile beguilings: contrary to the charity

ritie due to my neighbour, I haue defamed and slandered those that haue conuersed with me, & haue bene couetous of many thinges not appertayning to me. I haue been proud auaricious, vnchast, cholerick, glutteous, enuious and slothfull. Nay, I haue giuen occasion to my neighbours whereby to sinne and haue violated the league or bond made vnto thee in my Baptisme.

I confesse then with sorrow and vnfaigned repentance, the sins which I haue directly committed against thee in words, workes, or thoughts, openly or priuately, yea al my secrets faults, whereinthou knowest better then I doe, how guilty I am.

I am an vnprofitable ſeruant, that haue treſpaſſed againſt heauen and before thée, I am no more worthy to bee called thy child, neither to lift mine eies vp vnto thée, for I haue offended thée by many great & enormous iniquities. I haue charged my ſoule and conſcience, with a weightier burden then I am able to beare. Yet notwithſtanding all this, I humbly appeare before thy throne of grace, appealing from thy ſeuere iuſtice to thy more mighty mercy. O Lord my God bee néere to me a poore wretched ſinner, pardon my tranſgreſſions, & receiue as a full ſatiſfaction for them, the innocent death of thy dearely beloued Son Ieſus Chriſt, granting me grace

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hereafter, and hence forward to amend my sinfull life. So be it.

A Praier to be said before receiuing the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

LOrd Iesus Christ, eternall Sonne of God, who didst suffer death in thy humane nature, to redeeme vs from sin & endles destruction.

In the last Supper, which thou hadst with thy Disciples, it pleased thee to ordaine and establish perpetuall memory of this thy louing faithfulnes to the end, that it might neuer be forgotten.

There thou didst institute a new league or bond, whereby the sins of the faithfull are for euer cancelled. And didst

likewise appoint vs, to eate in the bread (by faith) thy true body, and to drink in the wine thy pretious blood: adding therunto a gracious promise, of full forgiuenesse of all our sins. Wee poore and miserable humane creatures, come now vnto thee (as to the sourse or fountaine of all grace.) Entreating that it would please thee, to wash vs from all our sinnefull blemishes, to make cleane our soules, and new create them. To the end that with true penitence, in firme faith, honour and reuerence (being worthily prepared) we may receiue those blessed viands of our saluation.

Grant that by this misstery of the new Testament, our faith may bee encreased, our hope

hope ſtrengthned, our charity enflamed, our weake conſciences comforted, and all temptations ſurmounted. So that (being throughly aſſured in our Soules of thy diuine fauour and eternal ſaluation) wee may feele that ſupernall grace, which is reueiled or hidden vnder this bleſſed Sacrament.

Moſt gentle Lord, let the eies of our ſpirits, bee illumined to know what the hope of our inheritance is, & the vnualuable riches of this moſt excellent banquet. Wherein, with thy precious body, and blood, thou communicateſt vnto vs, and freely appropriateſt to euery one of vs all the treaſures of celeſtiall happineſſe: to wit, remiſſion of

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ſins, true righteouſneſſe, and life euerlaſting. Aſſiſt vs that with good deſires and holy affections, wée may often & worthily partake of this bleſſed Sacrament.

Rote out of our hearts all corruptions that diſpleaſe thée and may impeach or turne vs away from thée. Enlarge the way of thy grace before vs, for our more nére approaching to thée. To the end that being partakers of the fruit of this holy Table: our ſoules (famiſhed and ouerpreſſed with hunger before) may bee filled and fully ſatiſfied. And eate with thée likewiſe (in the life to come) the bread celeſtiall in thy heauenly Kingdome. So be it.

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Another Prayer for the same purpose.

LOrd Jesus Christ I am vnworthy to open my mouth and receiue the blessed Sacrament of thy body and blood. For I am a poore sinner, and thou art such a Lord, as the heauen of heauens cannot comprehend thée.

How is it possible then that a wretched humane creature, who is but dust & ashes, shold any way be worthy to receiue thy precious body and blood? I know very well, and doe confesse it, that the multitude of my sins is great, and euen (for this occasion) I am most vnworthy of all other, to present my selfe at this celestiall banquet.

banquet. In the meane while neuertheleſſe, I beléeue in my heart, and confeſſe it with my mouth that (by thy grace) thou canſt make and render me worthy: For thou art Almighty, mercifull, and haſt the meanes to make pure and holy whatſoeuer commeth from vncleane ſéede.

Men and women, that are wretched ſinners by nature, thou canſt deliuer them for iuſt and holy: when (by grace) thou haſt quitted their ſinnes, and renued them by thy ſanctifying Spirit. Therefore I moſt humbly intreate thee, that by thy vertue and diuine charity, thou willt graunt mée grace to be prepared, or worthy to preſent my ſelfe before thy table. Not to preſume

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thither as an intruder, for so I shold come most vnworthily & bee guilty of thy body and blood, and receiue death in steade of life. Assist me then, that I may acknowledge my self to be a poore wretched sinner, and that I may take a true examination of my selfe: Whether I haue hearty contrition for my sins or no, and whether I discerne rightly thy pretious body and blood.

O my God, let me alwaies submit my reason, sense, and vnderstanding, to thy diuine word, and strengthen mee by thine ayde, with all my might to amend my sinfull life. To the end, that in this blessed Sacrament, I may not receiue onely by my mouth thy body and blood: But that in true

true faith, I may also receiue my Sauiour and Redéemer, locking him vp in my hart, as hauing in him al life & saluation. For thou art the liuing bread, that didst descend down from heauen, and giuest life to al men: they that come to thée, shall neuer more bee hungry: they that beléeue in thée shall neuer more thirst: and they which eate thy flesh & drinke thy blood, shal remaine in thée, and thou in them, and so haue life eternally.

Most gratious Lord, likeas the Hart desireth the water brooke: euen so my soule longeth after thée. My soule is thirsty for my God, who is the liuing God, when shall I come to the place, where I may see thy face? O my God re-

replenish mee with thy heauenly fauour. Amen.

Thanksgiuing to bee vsed after receiuing the blessed Sacrament.

IEsus Christ, our true soueraigne & eternall Sacrifice, thou art seated at the right hand of God, vpon the throne of Maiesty in heauen: hauing the administration of all goodnes to come, and of the true tabernacle, which is not made by hands.

Thou entredst once (by thy precious blood) into the holy places, and hast obtained eternall redemption: when without any spot (by the blessed Spirit) thou diddst sacrifice thy selfe vnto the father, to cleanse our consciences from all dead

wo:kes, to the end, that wee might serue the liuing God.

Therefo:e wee giue thee thankes with all our heartes, because, by willing obedience to thy Father (euen in ardent charity, mighty integrity, and vnspeakeable patiēt humility) thou didst suffer a most ignominious death on the crosse fo: vs po:re miserable & wretched sinners.

Mo:eouer thou hast instituted this blessed Sacrament, fo: an eternall memo:ie of thy faithfullnesse & fauour on our behalfe: Leauing it likewise, as an earnest penny-seale o: testimony, fo: the remission of our sinnes.

Thou hast called and brought vs to the Communion of this wonderfull feeding.

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To the end, that we might refresh our hungrie soules, languishing thirstily after life euerlasting.

O Lord my God, great is thy loue, thy mercie vnexpressable, and thy grace incomprehensible. Thou despisest no persons comming to this heauenly banquet, except they exclude themselues, or intrude thither vnworthily.

If any one doe hunger or thirst, heere hee is fully satisfied. Such as are in necessity, may heere find the riches and treasures of life. The desolate, heere meete with comfort: The sicke, heere find physike, and health for their soules.

Such as are ouerladen with their sinnes, are heere disburdened in their consciences:

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And they which are assaild by death, do heere meete with life that cannot be molested.

Helpe vs then, O good God, that this blessed Sacrament which we haue receiued, may availe to our saluation: And that hereafter, wee may retaine the fulnesse of our hope, without any wauering, because thou art faithfull in all thy promises. And let vs haue care one of another: such as may incite vs to charity and good workes, neuer forsaking our holy assembly, but alwaies comforting one another therein.

And this is to bee done so much the more respectiuely (because we see the day drawweth on. and the end of our life approacheth neere) Onely to make

make vs the more able, to awaite (in ioyfull expectation) thy blessed and most gratious comming. So be it.

Another Thanksgiuing to the same purpose.

O my IESVS Christ, Lambe of God, I render thee most hearty thankes because thou offeredst thy selfe to thy Father, a swæt smelling Sacrifice for our sinnes, & hast appeased all the wrath and displeasure, which was iustly heaped vp against vs.

Thou diddest institute this blessed Sacrament, to make vs remember and assure our selues thereof: By giuing vs therein thy true body to eate, and

and thy very bloud to drinke, to the faithfull receiuer.

Thou didst speake it: Doe this at all times in remembrance of me. Giuing vs therby to vnderstand, that so oftentimes as wee eate of this bread and drinke of this Cup, we are bound to declare thy death. As also to publish and make known, what thou hast wonne and conquered for vs: namely, forgiuenesse of our sins, endles life & saluation.

I beseech thee by thy bitter passion and death, to assist me that I may partake more often in deuotion, true zeale, and worthy of this holy Banquet. And that I may consider how much thou hast laboured for me: what paines thou hast suffered to redeeme mee,

me, and how great charity thou hast shewed vnto me.

So that I may bee the more excited therby, with heart and mouth dayly to thanke thee, for al thy graces and benefits. Louing thee recíprocally with all my might and vttermost power, and so be found vnreprouеable in the path of thine ordinances.

If I chance to slip or fall by infirmity, giue mee grace to rise againe quickely to thee. And that I may be throughly comforted in this new & perpetuall league, or couenant of thy heauenly charity & goodnesse towards me.

Grant that by this blessed Sacrament, I may be vnited and incorporated into one self same flesh & blood with thee.

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That I may follow thée patiently in all aduersities, continually seeking those thinges which are aboue and adhering by firme faith to thée, as to my onely head and Lord.

Moreouer, because (by this Sacrament) wée are bound to brotherly loue, and to be faithfull one to another, (in regard, that as the bread and wine is made of many graines and grapes, so we in like manner (being many) ought also to bee united with thée, in one and the same spirituall body.) Strengthen vs that wee participating of one bread, and of one cup, may likewise intirely loue one another, euen as thy true members. And that (aboue all things) wee may cast off all anger, hatred, or enuie, heartily

heartily pardoning others as thou already hast pardoned vs to the end, that liuing hence forth together in brotherly loue & loiall affection, we may enter at the last day, with thée our Bride-groome to the eternall banquet in thy Heauenly Kingdome. So be it.

A Praier for one that is sicke.

Lord and heauenly Father, thou art a iust God, and sufferest none to bee tempted beyond their power: but with the temptation thou giuest the issue, so that with patience they may support it. I heartily pray vnto thée, that in my great necessities and griefes, my burden may not be ouer big or waighty.

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Strengthen me in such sort, that I may patiently bear all, and never be distrustful of thy mercy. Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who for mee didst suffer the torments of the Crosse, and last of all diedst a most bitter death for my sins: I cry vnto thée from the depth of my hart, to take pitty vpon me a poore miserable sinner.

Pardon me all my trangressions, which in my whole life time I haue cõmitted against thée, and let mee neuer faile in faith towards thee. God the holie Ghost, in all distresses the truest comforter, preserue me in patience and right calling vpon thée, sanctifie mee by stedfast confidence. And neuer leaue mee in my latest necessities: but then lead me out

out of this vale of misery, to thy heauenly Kingdome my true home. So be it.

Another to the same effect.

ALmighty God and heauenly Father, thou hast commaunded vs, to call vpon thee in all our necessities, & hast promised to heare vs, and giue vs cause to glorifie thee. I call vnto thee now in my grieuous affliction, desiring thee in Iesus Christ thy deere Sonne, neuer to forsake me a poore miserable sinner.

And if this sickenesse of mine be not deadly, giue mee grace to recouer againe by thy mercie. To the end, I may tell & recount to others, the power and vertue thou hast exer-

cised on me.

But if it be better for me, to die spædily, then longer time to abide in this miserable life: Lord let thy will bee done on earth as it is in heauen.

Let me alwaies (as is best for me) commit my selfe wholy to thy will, and preserue me to my ending in true faith, memory, and Christian knowledge. Let me neuer bee sundred from thée, but receiue my soule vp into thy Kingdome: for thy deare sons sake Iesus Christ my Sauiour. So be it.

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MOst powerfull God, that art gracious, mercifull, patient, of great goodnes & faithfulnes, in pardoning our sins & iniquities:

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I humbly beſeech thée in grace to forgiue mée all mine offences, confirming and kéeping my ſoule againſt all temptations whatſoeuer. Come to mine aide & aſſiſtance, that my faith wauer not: my hope faile me not, nor my charity waxe cold: neither ſuffer me through humane infirmity, to fall by the dreadfull terrors of death. Likewiſe when mine houre ſhall be come, let me depart in peace, for mine eies haue ſéene thy ſauing health, which thou didſt prepare before all peoples faces: a light to lighten the Gentiles, & to bee the glory of thy people Iſrael.

I hope and truſt in thée my Sauiour, Lord let mée neuer fall into confuſion, for thou art my helpe and ſtrength.

Behold me with the eies of thy mercy, and turne thy fatherly countenance towardes me, in Jesus Christ thy son, who by his passion and death, purchased eternal redemption for me. So be it.

Another.

FAther of all grace, take pitty on my poore soule, pardon all the sins which I have committed against thée. Despise not thy poore creature, neither cast mee away, that am the worke of thy handes, let not that bee lost, which thou hast made and created.

For I trust in thée, thou art my God & helper, Christ my true Saviour, the Lambe of

of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world, and hast washed and cleansed me in thy blood: I pray thee by thy passion, which thou didst principally suffer when thy noble soule departed out of thy most holy body: to take compassion likewise on my poore soule, when it shall part hence, & be led by thee to everlasting life. God the holy Ghost, thou most kind comforter, preserve my heart against all temptations of the wicked enemie: and so confirme my confidence, that I may undoubtedly believe the forgivenesse of my sins, and hope for life eternall. O blessed Trinity, I commend my Spirit into thy hands: thou God art faithful, and thou that hast redeemed

me, liuest and raignest in all eternity. So be it.

A praier for such as do come to visit the sicke person in his extremity.

GOd and omnipotent God, that preseruest our liues in death, we pray thee that it would please thee, to turne the eies of thy mercy towards this poore sick man, ease his afflictions in soule and body, and (in grace) forgiue him all his sinnes.

Accept the sacrifice of the innocent death of thy deare Son Iesus Christ, as a full satisfaction for all his iniquities: For he was baptized in his name, and is washed and made

made cleane in his pretious blood.

Allwage his paines and anguishes, keepe him from all accusations of conscience, and the subtill temptations of the wicked aduersary: that hee may valiantly fight in firme faith, hold out to the end, and obtaine the victory.

Grant him a happy entrance into endlesse life, & send thine Angels to conduct him into the assembly of thine elect, through Iesus Christ our Lord and Sauiour

So be it.

OTHER GODLY AND CHRISTIAN Prayers for Particular purposes.

1. For Souldiers that serue as Sentinels, or keepe watch in the Court of Guard.

OUr God, Father and Sauiour, since it hath pleased thée to bee so gracious to vs, in safety to suffer vs to ouerpasse this night, & bring vs

vs once more to behold the chearefull day light: wee render thee thanks therefore from the bottome of our hearts. And humbly beseech thee, that as thou sufferest the Sun to shine vpon the earth, lending vs thereby our bodily light: so thou wouldest illuminate and prepare our soules by ỹ bright splendor of thy blessed Spirit, to follow the direct way of righteousnesse, vnder thy holy conduct and protection, all our whole life time, pardoning vs all our passed offences, for Jesus Christs sake our Lord and Sauiour.

Moreouer, since it pleaseth thee to imploy vs this day, as guard to this Citty, Towne, or place, let thy grace effectually perswade vs that this is

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an acceptable seruice to thée: in discharging the same so faithfully as we ought to doe, and not grudging, that wee watch when others are at quiet rest, who likewise are ready to do as much for vs.

Séeing also, that wee are taught and assured by thy holy word, that all vigilancy, industry and might of men is vnprofitable and can serue to no vse, except thou (O God of Hosts) lay to thy helping hand, for without thy sacred prouidence, wee can neither watch, ward, nor war: May it therefore please thée, to bee the Chiefetaine in our company, aswell to giue vs wisdom, aduice, and direction, for the better ordering of our charge: as also to make benefit of our labour

labour, thou continuing still with vs, and day by day defending vs vnder thy protection.

So shall we haue cause, to blesse thy sacred name here below in thy Church, and afterward (aboue) in all perpetuitie, through our Lord Iesus Christ: who hath taught vs how to aske these things, and all other that are needfull for vs, and generally for all of Christian faith, in saying: O our Father, &c.

For the Euening.

LORD GOD and Father, wee render thee hearty thankes, because (by thy great goodnesse) wee haue so wel passed this present day, fol-

following the charge whereunto it pleased thée to call vs.

But because there are many defaillances in vs, and that if thou shouldest iudge vs according to thine owne vprightnes, thou wouldest find vs guilty of many great faults: we doe therefore héere humble our selues in thy presence, confessing that wee are poore and miserable sinners.

We beséech thee also, according to thine owne blessed promise, in the name of Iesus Christ, thy only Son and our onely Mediatour: to couer and hide all our iniquities, euen as now thou wrappest vp the earth in the cloudy obscurity of darke night, giuing vs grace that during this dim season and the whole remainder

der of our lines hereafter, we may walke in the feare and reuerence of thy holy name.

Moreouer, in regard wee are to watch this night, to giue leisure and respite for the whole body of the Citty to repose themselues: wee beseech thee to enable vs, to performe our duty cheerfully and with good courage, that the watching appointed to vs, may not seeme painefull or burdenous: but each one to keepe his order peaceably, and all to hold good agreement together.

O thou great GOD of Armies, suffer vs not to vse the darkenesse of this night dishonestly, vnfaithfully, or as a cloake to idle slothfulnes: but let vs know that thou art an eie witnesse of all mens actions

ons, in al places where & howsoeuer, let vs walke then in thy feare, according to the direction of thy holy word.

Because also thou reseruest vnto thy selfe, the honour of garding Townes & Citties, as in mere right it appertayneth onely to thee: wee intreat thee, to bee President in the midst of vs, giue direction to our Vigilance, & make it so prosperous, that we may acknowledge in all humilitie, we neither can or ought to depend vpon any, but onely thee.

Send downe thy holy Angels, and let them pitch their Tentes round about this Towne and vs al, to preserue it and vs from forraine inuasion: Let their mighty power protect and guide vs, least it

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and we be vanquished, and ouer-run by the enemie.

Let them watch also with vs, and kéepe vs in safety.

Defend, and preserue vs, from the handes of our enemies visible & inuisible, and kéepe vs continually in thy safegard: that we may euer more prayse thy name, & render thee thankes in Iesus Christ our Lord. So be it.

A praier to bee said befor e a man begins his worke, or any labour.

O LORD our god God and Father, since it hath pleased thée to cõmand that all humaine Creatures shall labour & eate their bread in

in the sweat of their browes, while they remaine in this life, and yet seeing (without thy blessing) no one can prosper, or recive any good successe in his affaires: wee humbly beseech thee, that thou wouldest blesse our labours in such sort, as thereby wee may have full occasion to confesse thy goodnesse, assistance, and fatherly care which thou takest of vs.

Moreover Lord, let thy holy spirit be our director, to the end wee may faithfully exercise the workes of our estate & vocation, without any fraud, collusion or deceipt. And give vs grace, rather to the following of thine ordinance, then to satisfie the appetite of our owne sinfull flesh, which covets to inrich it selfe by any

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Neuertheleſſe, and if it bee thy pleaſure, to proſper our endeuours, graunt vs alſo chærfull diſpoſitions, to helpe and ſuccour ſuch as are needy, according to thy talents beſtowed vpon vs. And let vs kæpe within the bonds of humility, not puffing our ſelues vp about the poze, by that which wee inioy, but by thy bounty and goodneſſe. But if it bee thy will ſo to deale with vs, as to abaſe and impouerish vs far beyond the fraile affections of fleſhly nature: yet vouchſafe to inrich vs another way, with cleauing faithfully to thy promiſes, whereby wee ſhall no way fall into diſtruſt, but rather be more certainely aſſured, that thou wilt neuer

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forsake vs in the extremity of our wants.

Enable vs patiently to attend thy leysure, when thou shalt again replenish vs with thy graces, not only temporal, but also those which are spirituall: receiuing thereby dayly more ample occasion, to giue thee praise and thankes, and to expect all things from thee. Heare vs Father of mercy, in Iesus Christ, thy Son and our Sauiour. So be it.

Thanksgiuing to be vsed after his labour or worke is finished.

O Lord my God, I render thee hearty thankes, because thou hast preserued me from infinite & great dangers,

dangers, which might haue happened to oppresse and ouerwhelme me, all the while I haue beene about my busi-nesse, if thou (Lord) hadst not carefully regarded, and kept mee from any euill inconueni-ences. Now therefore, most louing Father, I humbly en-treate thee for Iesus Christs sake, to pardon all the faultes which I haue offended thee in, during the time of my labour, or otherwise. Punish me not in thine anger, nor repre-hend me in thy heauy displeasure: although I haue shewne my selfe worse then I ought to haue done, both towards thee, & on my neighbours behalfe.

Worke in me so by the effi-cacie of thy blessed Spirite, that hencefoorward I may walke

walke in much greater integrity & respectiuely performe those duties which are required in the vocation of all true Christians: to the end, that though I trauaile in body, yet in spirite and affection I may serue thée O God and glorifie thy name in all mine actions.

Giue me grace (willingly) to offend no person, but rather let me endeuour to edifie euery one, by those means which (in this life) thou hast lent me.

Lead and guide me by thy word and sanctifying Spirit, in all truth & honest conuersation, neuer swaruing from the direct path of thy commandements: that finally, it may bring me to life euerlasting, through Iesus Christ my Lord & Sauiour. So be it.

A Praier for a young man, that prepares himselfe for Mariage.

O Lord God, Eternall and most powerfull Father, heere I prostrate my selfe before thée, giuing thée thankes with heart and mouth, for forming mee in the wombe of my Mother, and suffering mee to be borne such as I am, maintaining me likewise from my youth to this instant, and preseruing mee from infinite euils. For it is through thy prouidence and fatherly blessing, that I haue attained to the yéeres I now am in: and in that time by thy holy word, thou hast taught

taught me to know, thy beloued son Iesus Christ, the only happinesse that a Christian can haue, because (in the true knowledge of him) eternall life consisteth, and therefore I cannot sufficiently praise thee, for all the great benefits thou hast bestowed on me.

Neuertheless, because thou hast commanded vs to cal vpon thee in all our necessities, & most louingly also hast promised to hear vs, let it nowplease thee gratiously to helpe me.

For I haue found and proued that in regard of my own natures corruption, I cannot continue chast and blameless, except I vse the meanes which thou hast instituted, and by thy holy word hast also approued the same, saying: To auoid

whordome, let euerie man haue his wife, and euery woman her husband. Then I beseech thee, in mercy, to lend me thy helping hand and so to blesse mee and my Parents, that in this intended matter, we may not be abused by any exteriour appearance either of beauty, riches, or deceiuing speeches, which may fore-run or procede this businesse. But as thy word saith: A vertuous wife is a gift which coms onely from thee: And as it is most certaine, that not only thou gauest Eue to Adam; but didst likewise conioine Abraham with Sara, Isaack to Rebecca, and Iacob with his best esteemed Rachel: Euen so I entreat thee, O Father of lights (from whome euery

good & perfect gift proceedeth) not onely to bee my Father, but also to appoint me my fellow-partner, in regard thou oughtest to bee the authour and actor in so waighty a busines. Send downe thy holy Angels, to bee my guide and leader towards her, whom thou hast prepared for me, as thou madest them in like case seruants to Abraham and yong Tobias. Then let mee méete her, enioy her, and liue with her, in thy feare & fauor, O Lord Iesus Christ, may it please thée with thy benediction, to bee present at my mariage, as thou didst vouchsafe to honour that at Cana in Galilee.

Grant that those waters of misery, affliction and temptation,

tation, which may seeke to drowne so blesse a dignity: by thy power and most gratious goodnesse may bee changed into good and delicious wines to beare vs aboue all extremities with patience. Chase away Asmodeus, the enemie to mariage, and all other malicious fiends far from our dwelling, and giue vs grace, that wee fearing thee O Father, Son, and holy Ghost, may walke faithfully in thy waies, to the end, that we may obtaine the largesse of those thinges from thee, which thou knowest much better then wee can, or do, to be necessary for this life, and that which is to come. So be it.

A praier for a yong Maiden, or Widdow preparing to Mariage.

ALmighty God, who only makest mens endeauors to prosper in this world: for without thine aid and blessing whatsoeuer they doe, cannot come to good. I thy poore creature, whom neuertheles thou hast vouchsafed to receiue into thine alliance, by thine holy Sacrament of Baptisme, doe heere present my selfe before thée, beséeching thee in the name of Jesus thy beloued Sonne, to stretch forth thy hand & helpe me. To the end that if it be thy wil I shal marie, thou maiest guide & leade me to be a vertuous yoak-fellow,

low, with whome I may liue according to thy will, so long as we shal continue together. It was thou O God, that gauest Eue to Adam, and didst addresse the seruant of Abraham towards Rebecca that shee might be wife to the Patriake Isaack.

Thou didst send thine Angell with young Tobias to deliuer Sara the daughter of Raguel, out of the powre, desolate and oppressions condition wherein she then liued, and to match her in mariage with the said Tobias. This is not a case of chance or fortune, neither guided by mens wisdom, or heaping vp goodes together. It often comes to passe, that after one hath plodded, and carefully considered all

circumstances & causes thereto belonging, diuing into the vttermost (as is supposed) to be deuised: that party yet fals far short of the aime intended, and instead of an helper, haps on a disturber, and in place of a good & discréet husbād, méets with a Nabal, foolish, vnciuill, rude and ill addicted. I heartily therfore desire thée, O Lord, to prouide mee such a one as thou knowest fittest for mee, and so to order the diliberations, counsels, & enterprises of my Parents and friendes (as likewise all their indeauours, that meddle any way about my marying) that the whole issue may first redound to the aduancement of thy glory, & next, to the endlesse contentment, good, and saluation of

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vs all, in Iesus Christ our onely Sauiour.

A Praier fitting a Father of a Familie.

ETernall God and most louing Father, who hast called me to this condition of houshold gouernment, I beseech thée for thy deare Sons sake, to whom thou hast committed all administration and power on earth, that it would please thée to giue me wisedome, vnderstanding & knowledge, to rule my wife, and bring vp my children & whole family in thy faith and feare, according to the instruction of thy holy word. Blesse the means which thou hast, and daily bestowest on mee, and giue commande-

ment to thy blessed Angels, to encampe themselues round about vs, watching for vs and our security. For if thou doest not build the house, and extend thy benediction vpon our labours, whatsoeuer wee can do, will serue to nothing: all our thoughtes and cares will be but in vaine. Helpe mee then O Father of lights, by thy Sonne Iesus Christ, my Lord & Redæmer. Amen.

A Praier fitting a Mother of a Familie.

ORd IESUS Christ, true son of God, who hast ioyned mee with my husbād, giuen me children, and a house-

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hold charge to haue care of: be merciful to me that following thine owne ordinance, I may be obedient to my husband, & bring vp my Children in thy feare. Grant me grace, that I may bee a good huswife ouer that which my husband gayneth by thy benediction, & not waste, spoile, scatter, or bee lauish, but equall in well ordering his care in prouiding.

Let me liue in peace, vnity and concorde, with all my friends and neighbours about mee, and that by my honest conuersation, I may giue other people cause to prayse thee: and follow the better my owne vocation.

Thou art O Father, Son, and holy Ghost, God, Father Lord, & Sauiour of all Chri-

ſtian women, and wilt make them partakers of thy graces, ioyes, and comforts eternall: wherefore my husband, my ſelfe, my children, & all mine, I commend now & euermore into thy hands. So be it.

A prayer for a Child, when his Parents prouide him or her, a Maiſter or miſtres to learne any Myſterie.

ETernal Son of God, who waſt borne in pouerty and miſery, to the end wee might be enriched, and in thy youth didſt willingly humble thy ſelfe, to learne & exerciſe the trade of a Carpenter, ſubmitting thy ſelfe therin to Ioſeph, and to the moſt bleſſed virgin thy Mother. My deare Parents

rents, at this instant are likewise appointing mee to a mystery and seruice, which I beseech thee (good God) that I may learne diligently, labouring faithfully, behauing my selfe alwayes like an honest child: and that (in recompence of my Parents loue & paines) I may bee able to stand them in some helpfull stead, when they grow into yeeres or other infirmities, to repay backe some small portion of their tender care ouer mee, in my yonger yeeres. Thou gatherest and assemblest thy Church by thy word, euen of all sorts of people, and thou wilt bee serued honoured and praised, as well by men of trade or occupation, as any other beside: because thou hast no respect of per-

persons by outward appearance. Therfore I assure my selfe, that thou wilt not reiect my praier, but listen vnto it in thy mercy, and in the name of Iesus Christ my alone Sauiour. So be it.

A prayer befitting any Father & Mother, sending their Children foorth to Schoole.

O God Creator of heauen and earth, the ordainer & preseruer of mariage, since in thy great mercy thou hast giuen vs children, and hast likewise receiued them into thine alliance, regenerating them by water & the holy Ghost in blessed Baptisme, to the end, that they might bee thy Children.

dren. And in regard withall, thou hast very seriously commanded, that they should bee brought vp in thy feare, and according to thine instruction: Behold Lord, those Children which thou hast giuen mee, I am sending of them forth to Schoole, to bee taught and instructed as best becommeth them. But because without thine aide, we can do nothing, Lord God, Father of lights to thee I commend their studies: for it is onely thou that canst make them wise, learned and happy. Giue thē thy sanctifying spirit, and make them organs of good endeauours, to glorifie thee, serue in thy Church, and raise vp to vs comfort and contentment.

Thou didst teach & instruct the

the Prophet Samuel, in the Schole of Heli, and madest him become an excellent personage: as thou didst the like by king Salomon, enstructing him in the Schole of the Prophet Nathan. Then safely may I recommend to thee (thou Lord of all learning) these children of mine: in the name of thy deare Son Jesus Christ, the principall Doctor of all the faithfull, who blesse and bring them vp in his feare and truth So be it.

A Man-seruants praier.

LOrd God, euerliuing Father, who hast appointed, since sin first entered into the world, that there

there should bee Maſters and ſeruants, & didſt heare Abrahams ſeruant crying to thée: I now adreſſe my ſelfe to thy diuine maieſty, becauſe ſeruice is neceſſary for mee, to maintaine me in this life, and beſéech thée O louing father, to prouide for me among good people, that may not hinder mee from hearing thy word, but rather giue mee occaſion by their good example, to ſéeke thoſe things which appertaine to my ſaluation.

Aſſiſt mee alſo by thy holy ſpirit that I may render them good and faithfull ſeruice, and truely take charge of whatſoeuer they truſt me withall.

Bleſſe O God my labours, and extend thy benediction on thoſe affaires I ſhall manage: that

that thy grace gouerning me, while I ſerue heere on earth, I may afterward bee an heire and fellow Citizen (by Jeſus Chriſts meanes) in the kingdome of heauen. Thy mercie was ſo great to the Centurions ſeruant of Capernaum, that he found a good Maſter. Thou didſt likwiſe ſo louingly reſpect poore Ioſeph, when hee was a ſeruant, that all thinges proſpered vnder his hands: I ſay no more deare Sauiour, but be as mercifull to mee a poore willing ſeruant, and as thou haſt appointed, let me reſt contented. So be it.

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A Maide Seruants praier.

MY Lord and Sauiour seeing thou hast called mee to this estate & condition, that I must serue to sustaine life, and gaine those benefits necessarily belonging thereto: I submit my selfe gladly to thy prouidence and appointment. For I know thou didst not despise to speak to poore Hagar, who was Abrahams seruant, & thou didst likwise prouide good Mistresses for Billha & Zilpha, let me then poore Maide entreat thy Maiesty, to prouide an honest place for me, where too much rigor, seuerity and hard vsage may not be shewne me.

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Giue me grace also to render faithfull seruice, carrying alwaies a good conscience, and keeping my selfe chast and honest: with dutifull obedience to my Mistresse, vsing her children louingly, and ordering my Masters businesse as it becommeth me.

Extend thy blessing on all my endeauors that I neither waste, spoile, or destroy any thing. Let fire or other casualties (through my negligence) no way harme my Maisters house, and set a locke vpon my lips, that by euill words, I giue no occasion of striffe and dissention, but rather that I may procure peace, amity and concord, so much as lieth in my power to do. Thou knowest O God much better then

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I, what is nedefull for mee and thy word teacheth mee, that with thée there is no respect of persons: but thou hearest the small as well as the great, the poore as the rich, when they pray vnto thée in the mediation of Iesus Christ So be it.

A Praier for Children to vse when their father is foorth on any voiage or iourney.

ALmighty God, heauenly father, who hast graciously promised vs, that whatsoeuer wée aske in the name of thy son Iesus Christ it shall be granted vs: Thou knowest and perceiuest that we haue now very great occasion

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our louing & deare Father, is
at this instant from his owne
home, and in what perill or
danger we know not, only to
support his honest vocation, &
to supply what wee shal haue
need of. We intreat thy hea-
uenly Maiesty, to bleſſe and
keepe him in all his waies, in
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Angels, to preserue him from
harmes: and as yong Tobias
was assisted by Raphael the
Archangell, so giue grace to
our kind Father, that he may
well & happily perfect his af-
faires, and then returne home
safe and in health to his house.
For hee hath instructed, and
brought vs vp in thy feare, &
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prouides at all times what is expedient for vs.

Send him home successfully (O Father of heauen) let our mother méete him louingly, our kindred gréete him hartily, our selues & his whole houshold welcome him dutifully, and all of vs liue together in ioy and prosperity, through Iesus Christ our Lord.

So be it.

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